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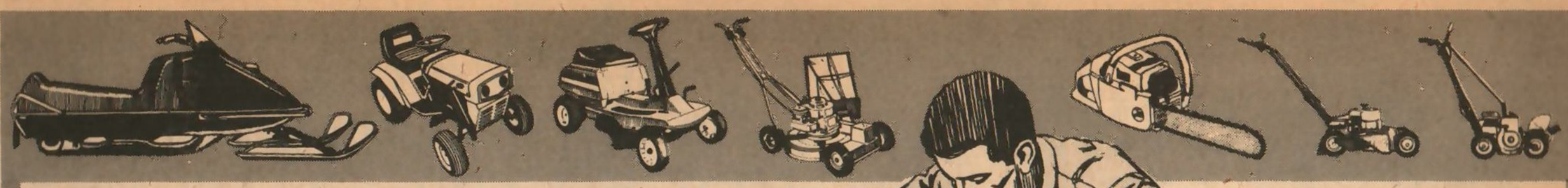

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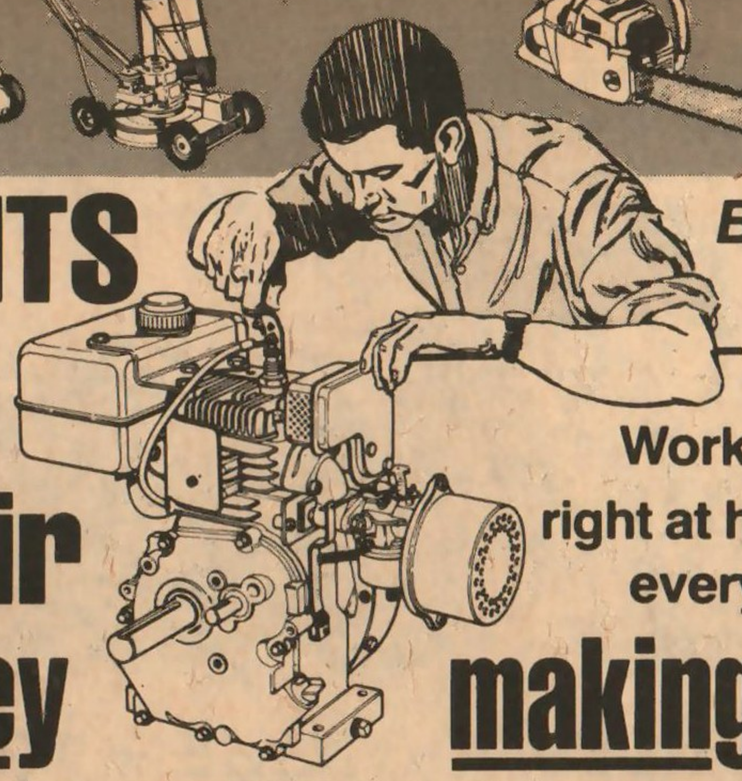

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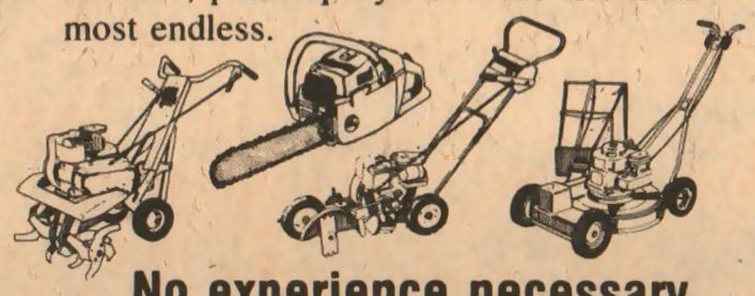

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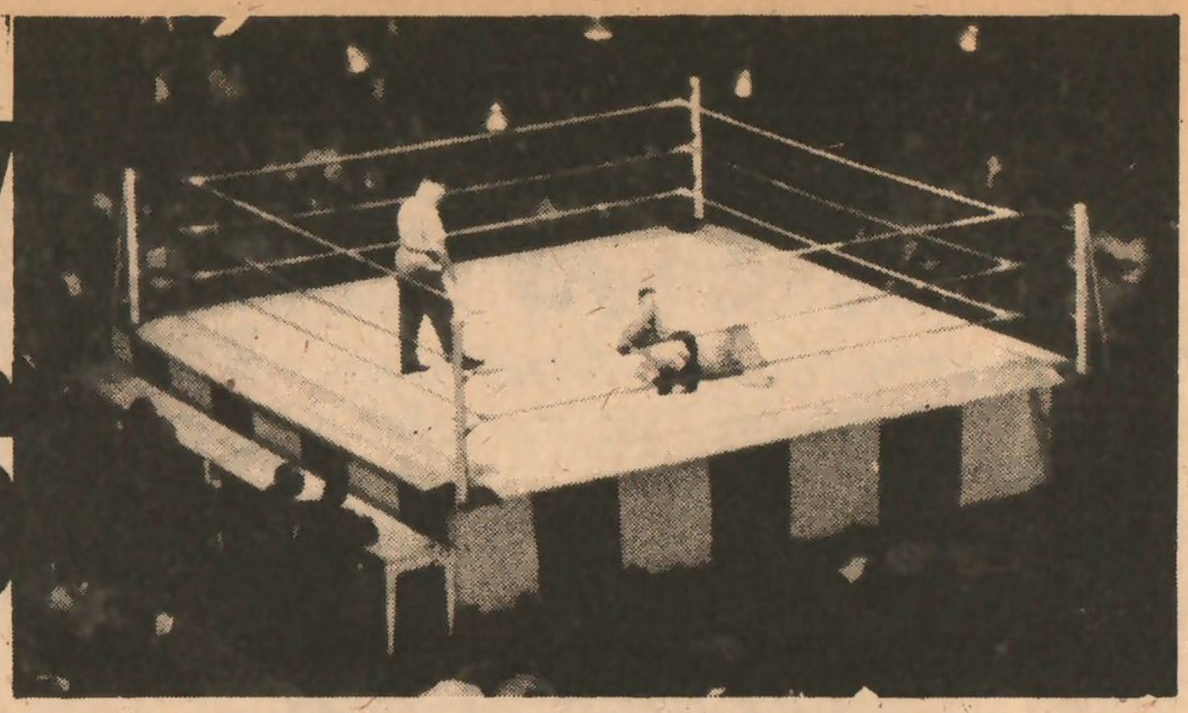
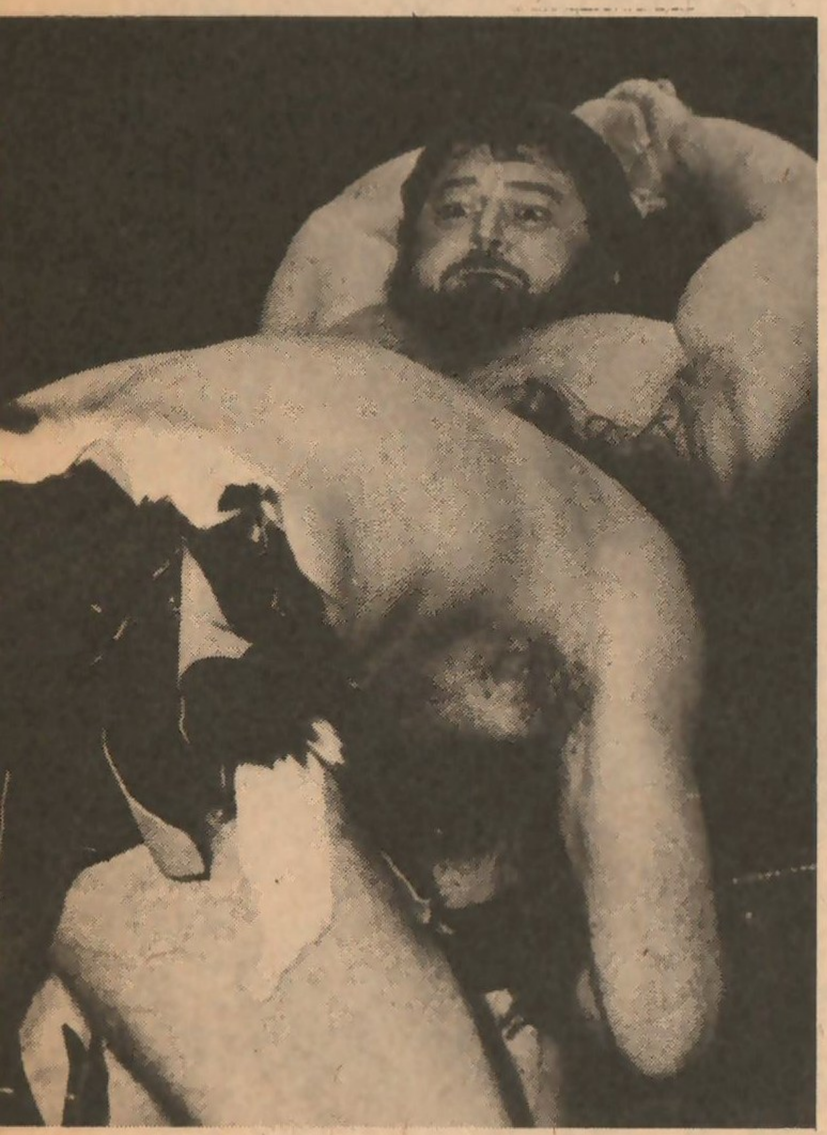


POLISH HAMMER SAVES LIFE

My name is Steven Lee, and I was trapped in a closet in a building far from my house, with no one around. The only thing on the inside was a stem to the handle which wasn't connected and a bunch of hangers. At first I started to yell and scream, but there wasn't anyone there. I then tried to break it down with my fists and my feet. Then I tried to reach the outside handle with



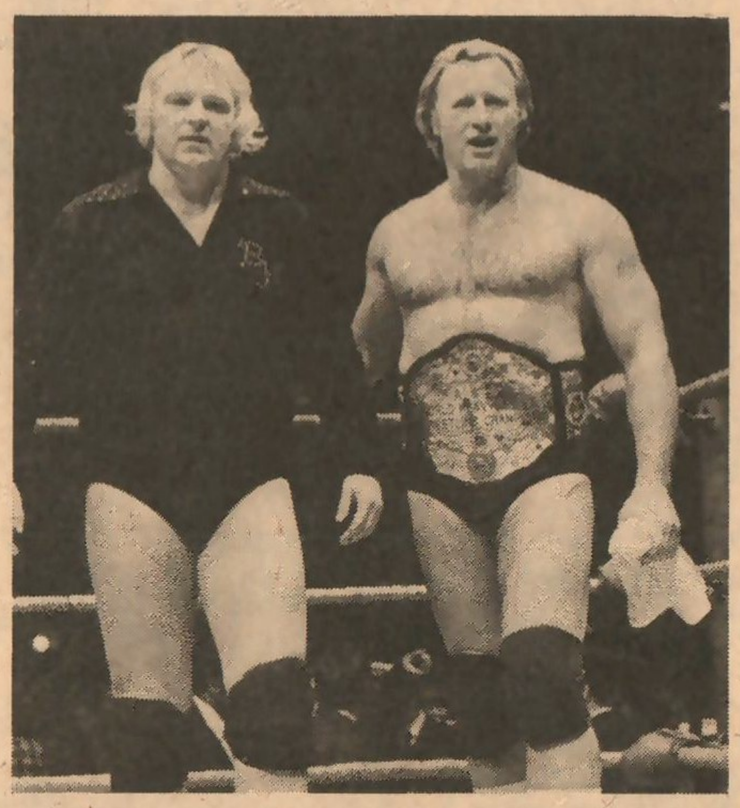
His fists clenched together, Ivan Putski reaches back over his head and comes forward with the Polish hammer. Fortunately, reader Steven Lee is familiar with the execution of that maneuver.

two hangers. I thought it would be impossible to get out, much less break the door down. In a rage of fury, I clamped my fists and drove them down on the door stem and completely knocked off the steel stem. I was totally amazed at the destructive power of the Polish hammer. This pushed open the blocking piece which then freed me from this treacherous nightmare. I would personally like to thank Ivan Putski. I am now a lifelong fan of his.

STEVEN LEE
East Rockaway, NY

SICK OF HEENAN

I'm sick and tired of your interference. Every time Nick Bockwinkel starts to lose, you run to his aid like a mother to a little baby. You know damn well that Hulk Hogan deserved that belt. Nick was dead meat in Hogan's hands, but you had to run into the ring. Someday you're going to run into the ring



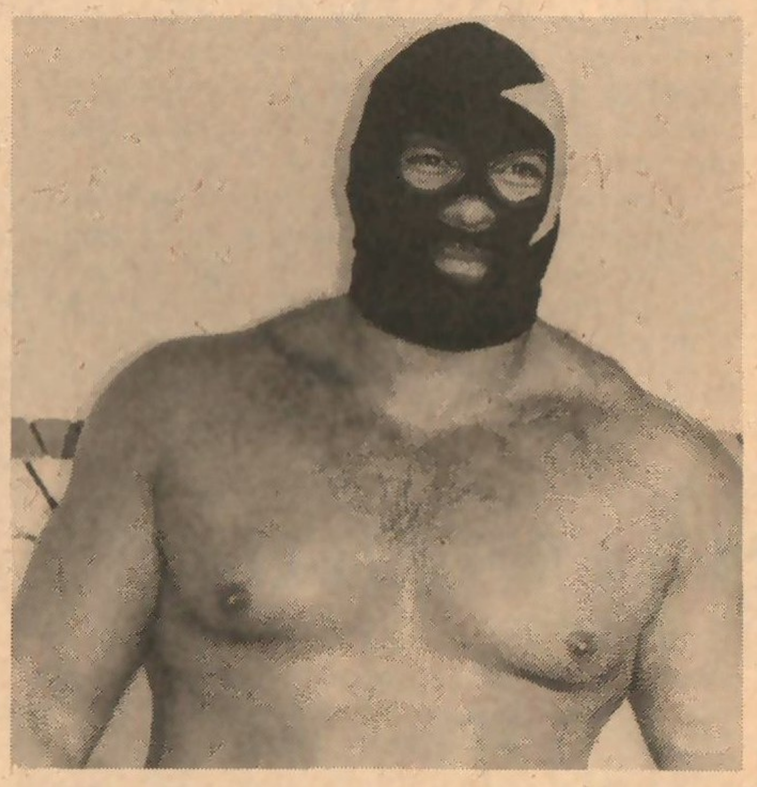
Bobby Heenan has drawn the wrath of reader Rick Hilty for the numerous times he has interfered in matches on behalf of his charge, AWA champion Nick Bockwinkel.

and you're going to get beat to a pulp, so you better watch your step.

RICK HILTY
Apollo, PA

COWARDLY PIPER

Who is Roddy Piper trying to fool? I think he's just fooling himself. He brings Don Muraco



Most fans, Eric Tennant among them, were not fooled when Magnificent Muraco appeared in Georgia under a hood and called himself "Dr. X."

to Georgia, has him put on one of Super Destroyer's masks and calls him "Dr. X." This just proves to me that Piper is a coward and has to have someone else fight his fights. It also shows me how intelligent he is. It takes an IQ of at least five to think up a name like "Dr. X." I think they should both leave Georgia now before The Freebirds make them leave.

ERIC TENNANT
West Branch, MI

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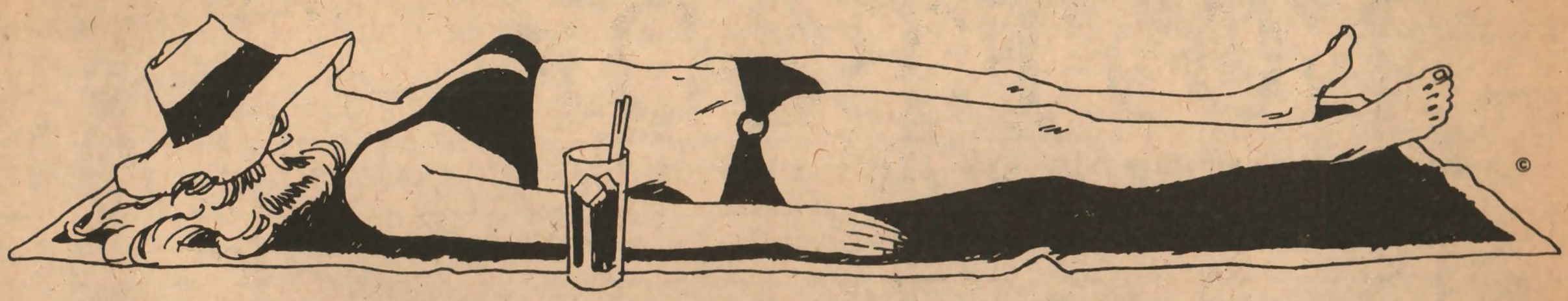

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Bob Backlund was the reason I was on this plane. We were both on our way to Atlanta, where Backlund was scheduled to defend his title in the biggest match of the summer. His opponent would be NWA champion Ric Flair, who would also be defending his title. One mistake or miscalculation by either man and the two associations would be unified under one man. This was more than just a title defense for Bob Backlund. This was a federation defense as well.

I noticed the seat next to Backlund's was empty so I moved forward. I could tell Bob wasn't too anxious to talk, but being the gentleman that he is, he was very polite. He carried a briefcase with him, and he constantly pulled out index cards with writing on it. "Strategy," Backlund confided. "Skoaland makes sure I'm mentally ready as well as physically ready. I understand Flair will be out partying tonight. Well, to each his own."

I could tell Backlund wished to be alone. The champion had a lot of studying to do, and he hoped to use the precious three hours in the air as his private library.

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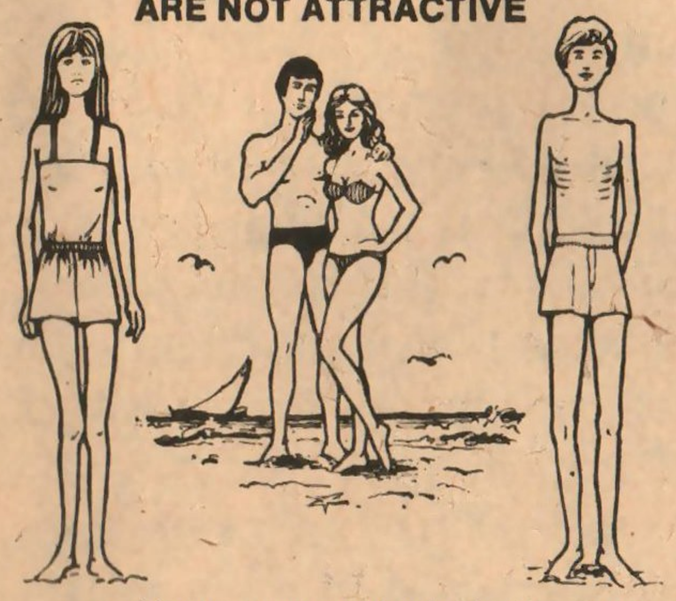

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Body Slams & Pinfalls

By Dan Shocket

THIS COLUMN IS written in sorrow, not in anger. The Freebirds are back, or at least a pale imitation of their former greatness. Terry Gordy has joined Michael Hayes in a pathetic attempt to win fan acceptance. He now gladly accepts the cheers from the same mindless boors who shouted at him, "Baby Huey!"

I can blame neither Hayes nor Gordy for taking the easy way out. These are tough times, and no one should have to suffer more than necessary. Hayes was the first to break, forsaking his vision of wrestling greatness for the easy world of the fan favorite. One can regret a man's weakness, but you really can't blame him. We can just think back to his former glories and cherish the memories.

Gordy was tougher, but not tough enough. To win the fans' favor, Hayes threw his former partner to the wolves. He made life miserable for Gordy, leading the fans in foolish and ugly chants. Hayes found that by being a fan favorite and commission lackey, he could get the types of matches he wanted when he wanted. Gordy found himself jerked around to fit Hayes' schedule, being forced to always do battle where Hayes set the rules. No athlete can survive in that kind of atmosphere. No, that's not true. There are some men able to withstand that gruelling gantlet, but Gordy wasn't one of them. Under the pressure, overwhelmed by forces he could neither control nor defeat, he surrendered his pride and joined Hayes.

Terry Gordy and Michael Hayes have reformed The Fabulous Freebirds. But this is not the same team that once knocked at the door of immortality. Gordy and Hayes have compromised too much to ever have the chance to make a mark in the history books.

I'm not saying he did this intentionally. He may have convinced himself that Hayes really is his friend, that The Freebirds deserve to be back together even if Hayes is calling the shots, and that being a fan favorite isn't the same as being a traitor to yourself. Or, as Dusty Rhodes once told me before he turned into the hero of idiots, "Can anything that hurts this much be worth it?" To some men it's worth it, but not to Rhodes—or Hayes or Gordy. It takes an awesome inner strength to lead the life of Ivan Koloff, Sgt. Slaughter, or Lou Albano. Perhaps they realize that the true greats are never recognized in their own lifetimes, but struggle all their lives to be immortal.

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How to Beat Up a Bully, Mugger, or Rapist!

If he's still able to move watch him frantically crawl as far away from you as possible. Desperate to escape from you—no longer a terrified "victim". Suddenly—now an all-powerful *retaliator!*

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Such as a "little-finger" trick that humbles a mugger triple your weight.

A move with your wrist that makes him scream in excruciating pain.

Another with your foot that delivers eye-watering misery.

A devilish hand-clasp that breaks a choking stranglehold. Topped by a follow-up that's a knock-out.

Even an ingenious means of winning without ever having to *touch* Mr. Bad-Guy.

In times like these you need a few surprises up your sleeve. You know the situation. The alarming rise in *personal* crime is no news to you. Everyday it's another rape, another mugging, another outrage.

Hopefully, it happened to "someone else." But down deep, there's a tiny nagging voice urging you to do "something" *before* it happens to you.

Something to protect you when the danger of physical violence pops up—and help is nowhere in sight.

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Yet, I never took a boxing lesson or a karate course. I exercise much too little. And I'm not a "muscle-man."

I go everywhere with confidence. Not looking for trouble, mind you. But perfectly capable of handling any situation. If threatened, I can put someone in the hospital for a few months. *Or worse.*

I'm positive that the Peaceful Man's Way will do for you what it did for me. Maybe more.

So positive, in fact, that I'm willing to let you *try* it out without risking a penny.

To prove that just because you are peaceful doesn't mean that you have to be a hapless patsy. So if you can't avoid trouble, at least you can avoid losing.

I remember the last time I was forced to use the Peaceful Man's Way. This bruiser was a foot taller and fifty pounds heavier than me. A human King Kong.

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TOP SECRET

Behind the Dressing Room Door

by Stu Saks

NICK BOCKWINKEL and his manager, Bobby Heenan, stood before the press and gloated over the AWA champion's latest accomplishment. A loss.

Heenan held the championship belt aloft, grinned, and praised his champion. "How many men can do what Nick did tonight? None. My champion was not at his best tonight, I'll admit that and so will he. But he's still got this belt. And that's all that really matters!"

The reporters left the interview room in disgust. But not as disgusted as the fans who witnessed the match. And certainly not as disgusted as Tito Santana. Moments before, Tito had handed Bockwinkel a horrendous beating. Bockwinkel could muster no offense at all. Santana patiently wore the champion down, preparing to execute the maneuver that would net him the AWA championship.

Heenan's question was, "How many men can do what Nick did tonight?" My answer is very few. A *man*, a real man, would never do what Nick did.

With almost all his strength gone, Bockwinkel reached deep down within himself to mount one attack. But it was not directed at his challenger; Bockwinkel shoved the referee.

Automatic disqualification. A "successful" title defense.

The "disqualification rule" has become wrestling's most controversial issue. But it shouldn't be. The rule itself is good, it's necessary. It has been so abused over the past few years, however, that its existence is jeopardized.

The disqualification rule was

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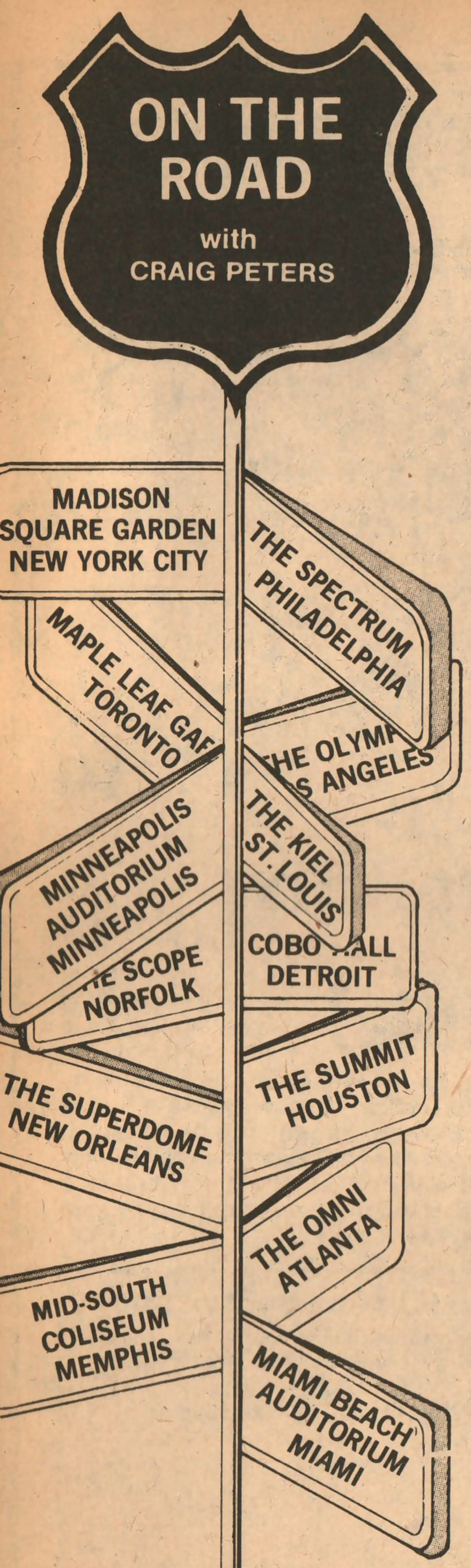
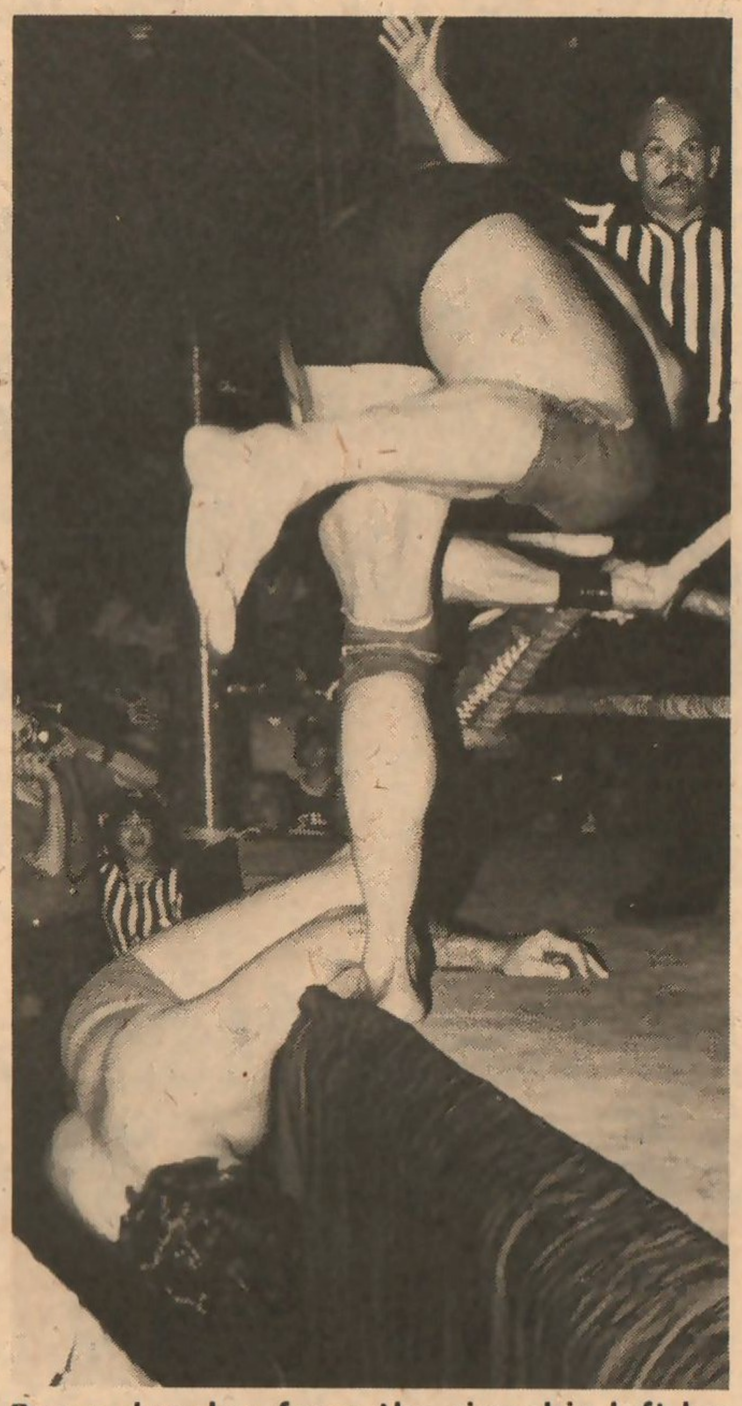


BILL APTER'S BEEN in this business longer than anyone else I know, except for Matt Brock. The last time he saw anything like this happen was way back in 1971. It was a tag team match: Bulldog Brower and The Canadian Wolfman vs. Pedro Morales and Gorilla Monsoon in the Westchester County Center.



Garea dangles from the ring, his left leg tangled in the top rope that has broken from the turnbuckle. Snuka climbs out of the ring to take advantage of his opponent's helplessness.

I was pretty frightened, myself. I never expected it to happen, but happen it did, in Babylon, New York, during a match between Tony Garea and Jimmy Snuka.

Babylon, New York. Some call it an upstate hick town in the middle of Long Island, others say it's a paradise in the middle of suburban insanity. Whatever you think about it, Babylon is filled to the brim with wrestling fans. They were treated to one of the best wrestling cards outside of Madison Square Garden recently.

Andre the Giant and Rick McGraw vs. the WWF tag team champions, Mr. Fuji and Mr. Saito; Blackjack Mulligan vs. Steve Travis; Florida's J.J. Dillon was up north scouting for new talent, and he wrestled Laurent Soucie; and of course, Garea vs. Snuka.

Since gaining two victories over WWF champion Bob Backlund, albeit failing to capture the belt and the title, Snuka has displayed a new

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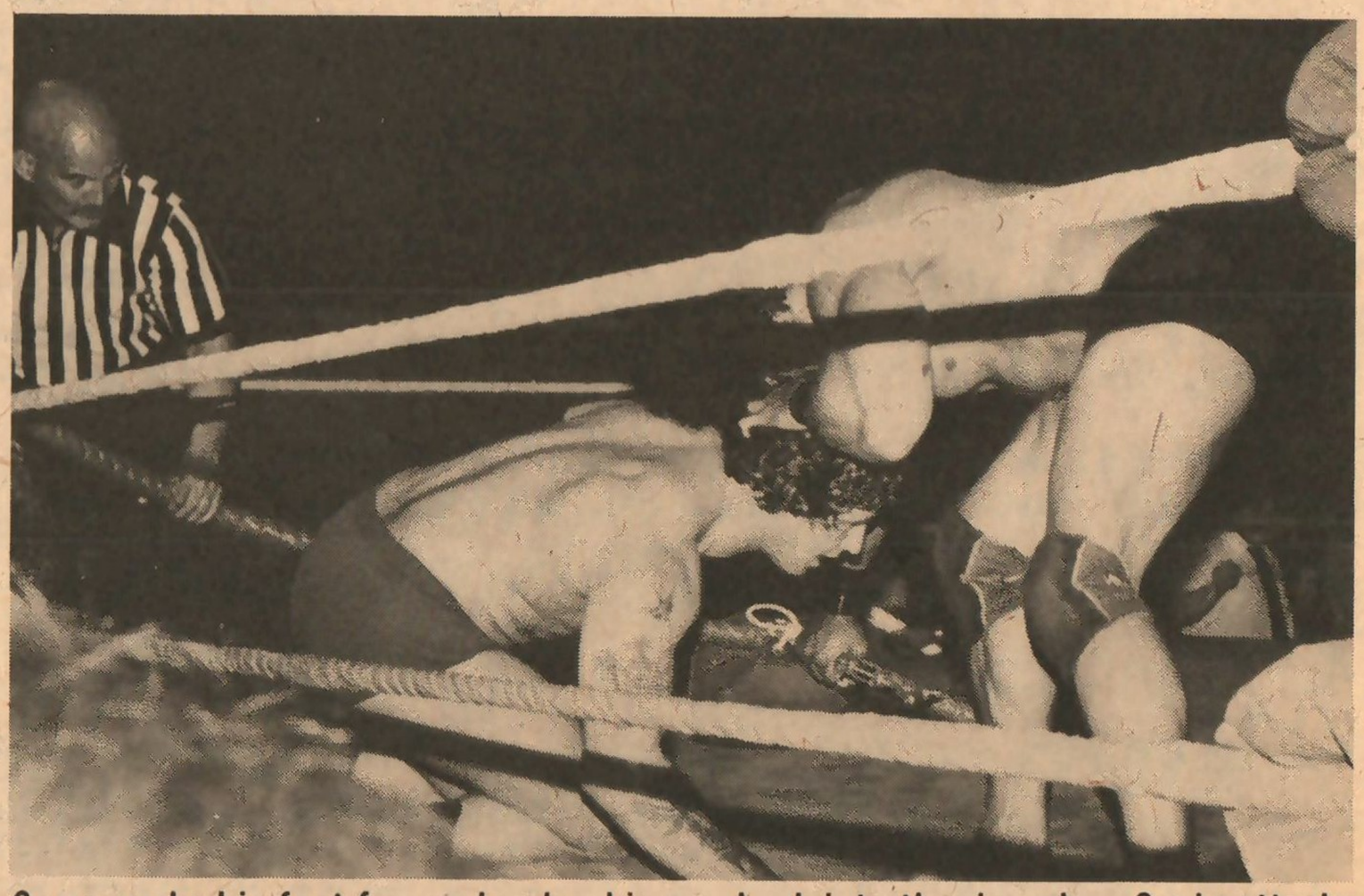

Garea works his foot free and makes his way back into the ring where Snuka attacks him with the steel piece that connects the rope to the turnbuckle. The match was halted and declared a draw.

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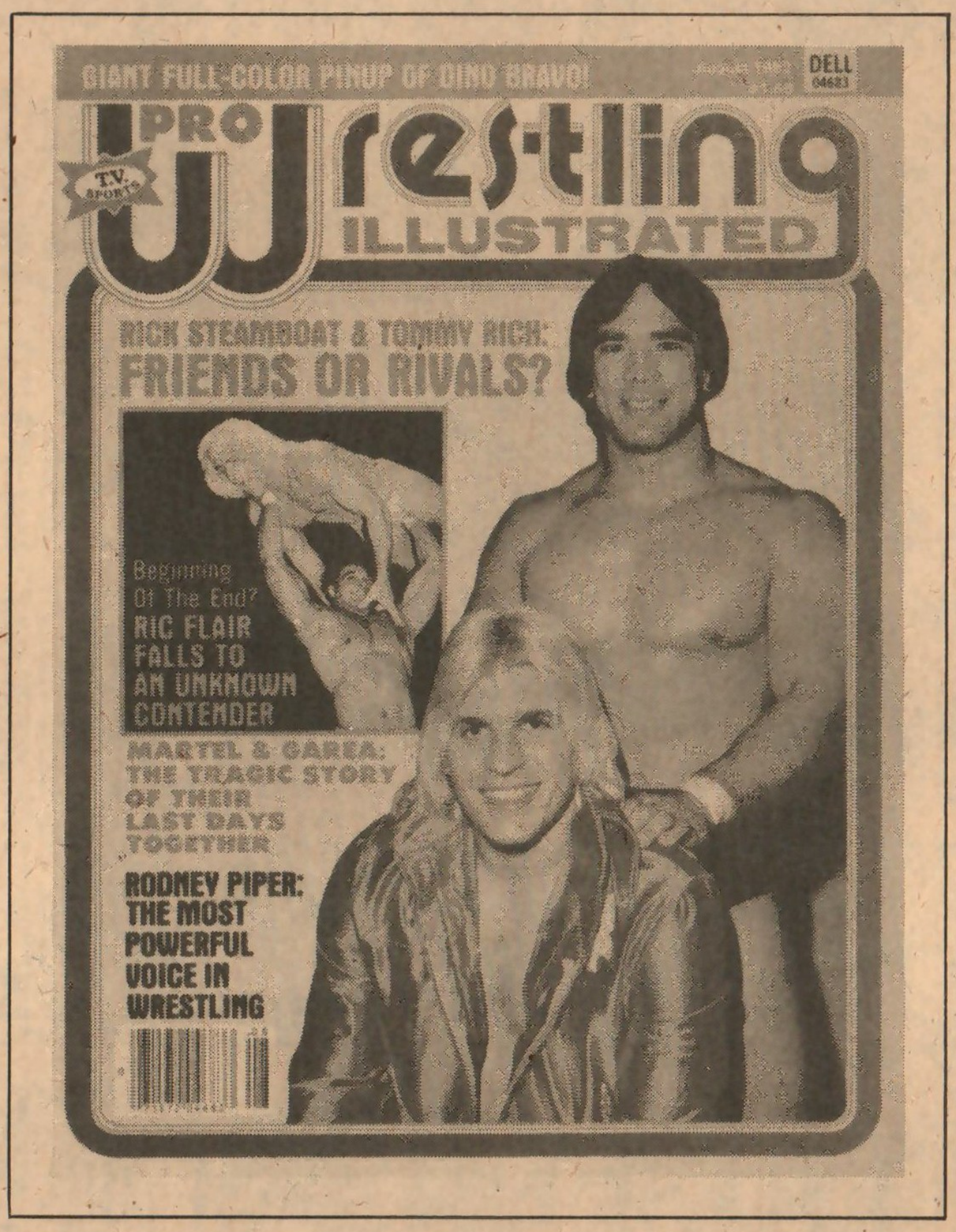
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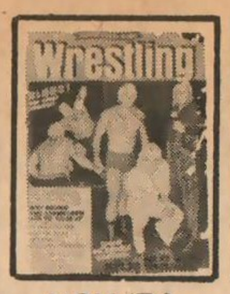
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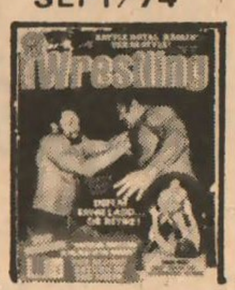
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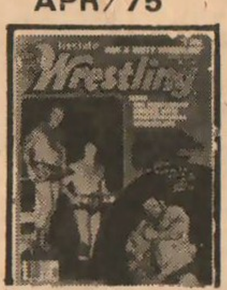
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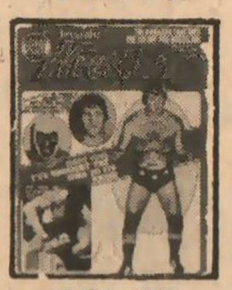
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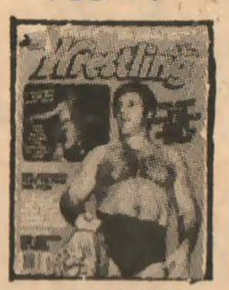
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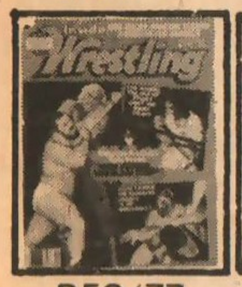
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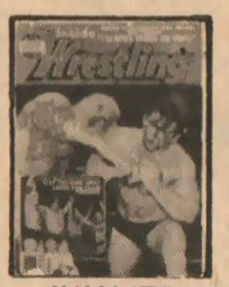
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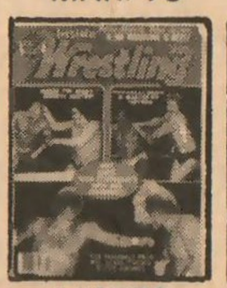
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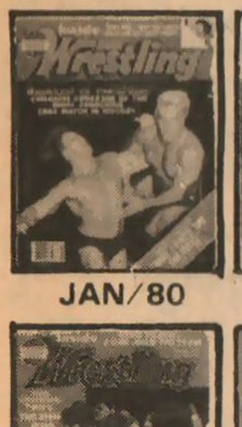
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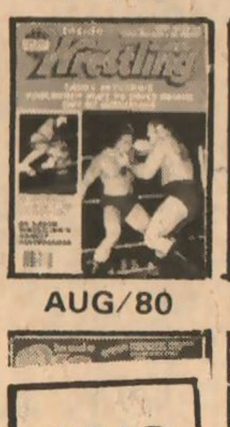
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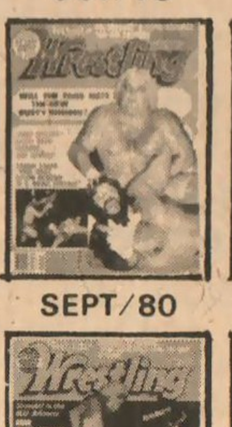
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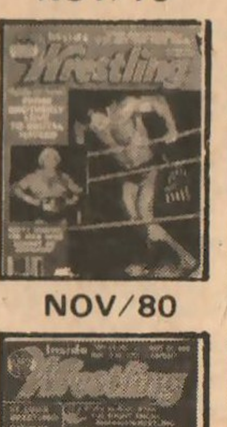
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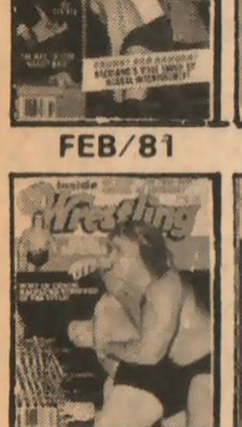
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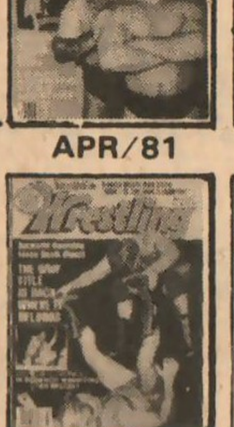
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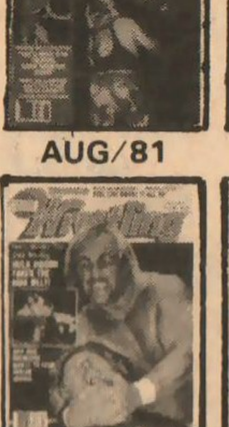
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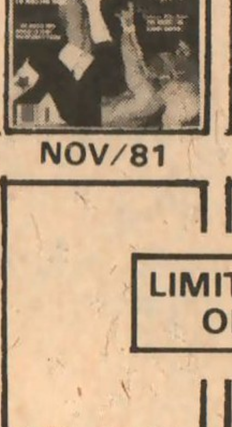
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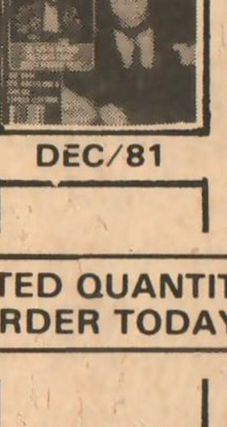
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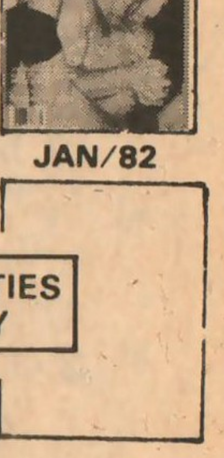
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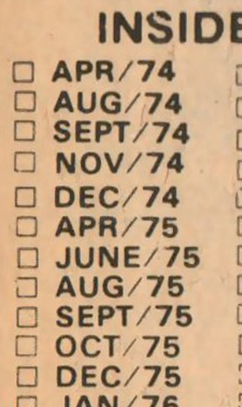
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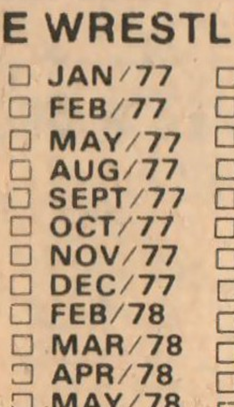
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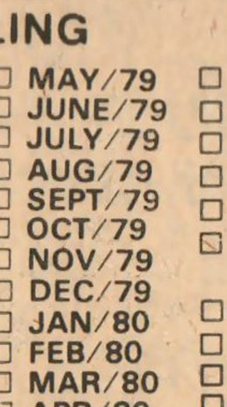
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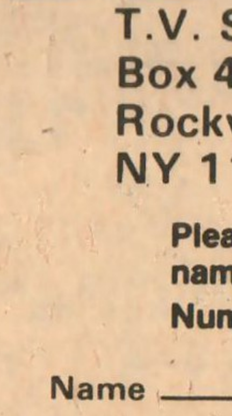
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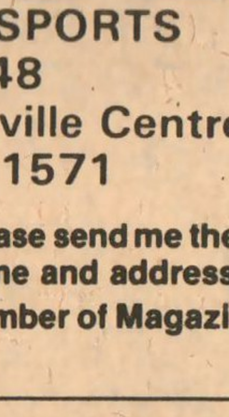
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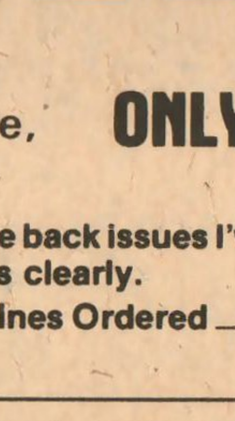
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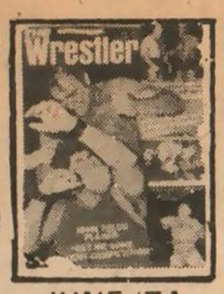
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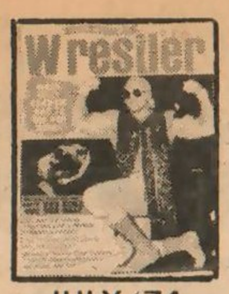
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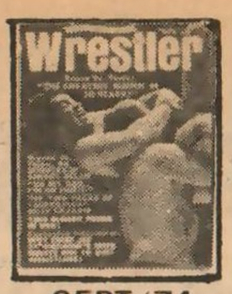
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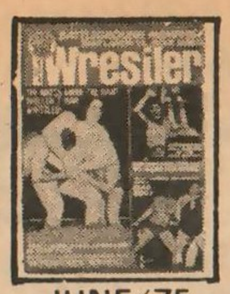
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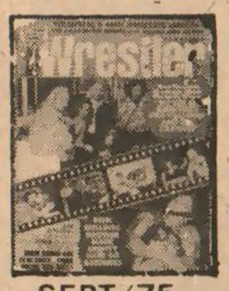
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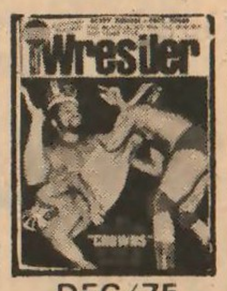
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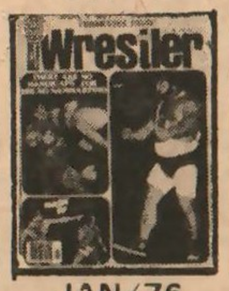
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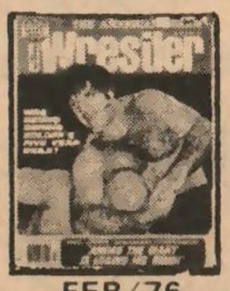
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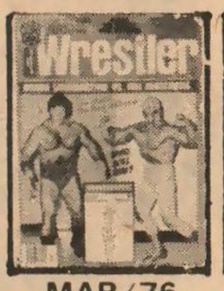
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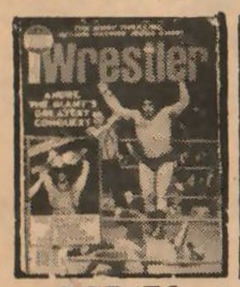
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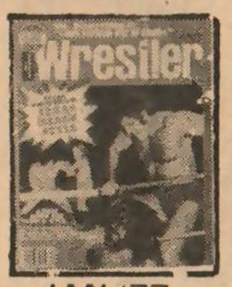
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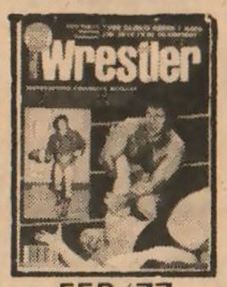
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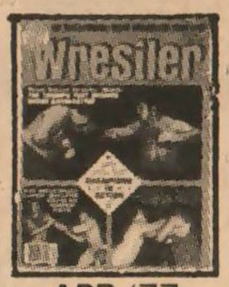
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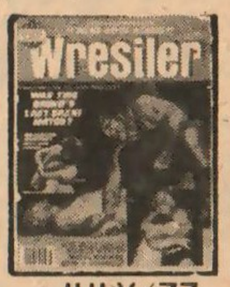
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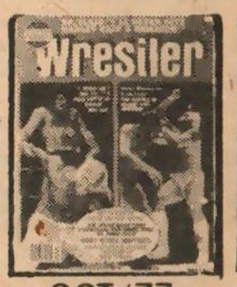
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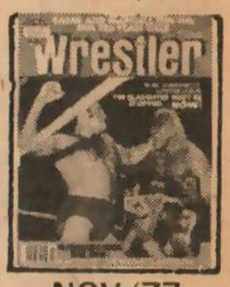
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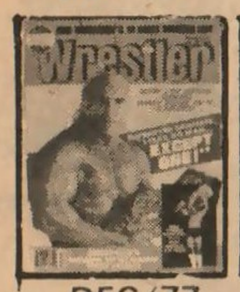
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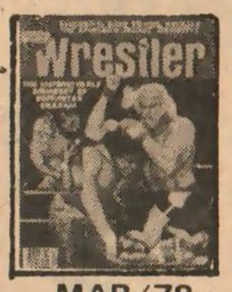
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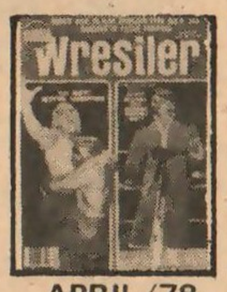
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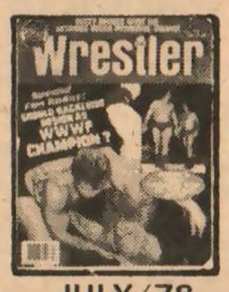
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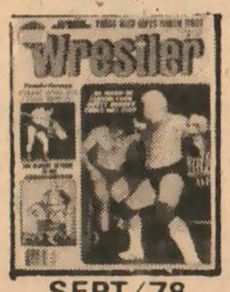
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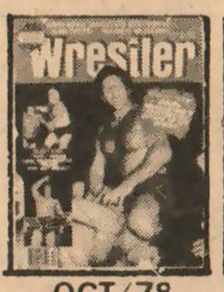
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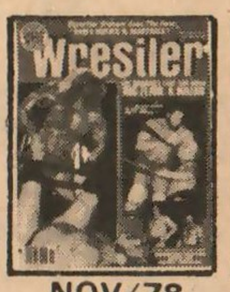
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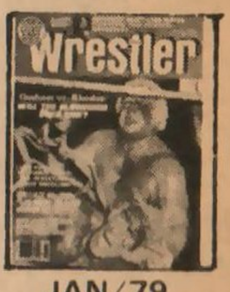
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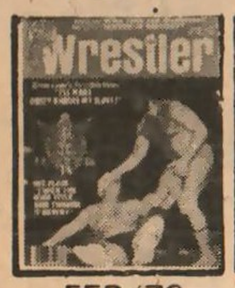
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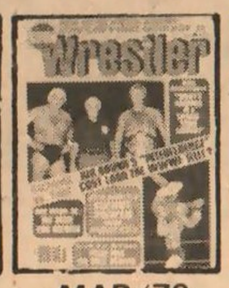
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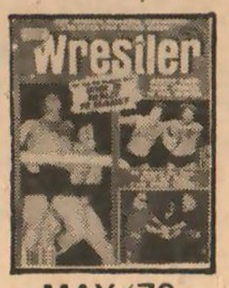
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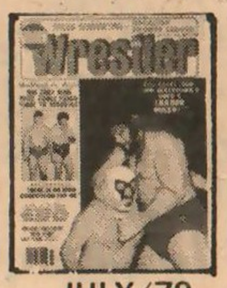
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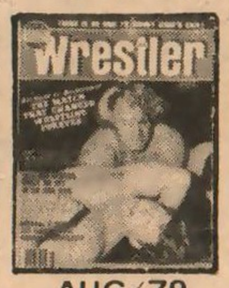
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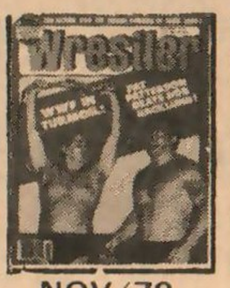
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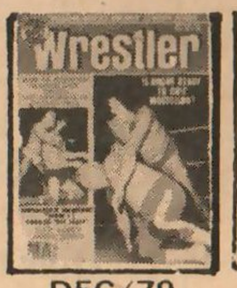
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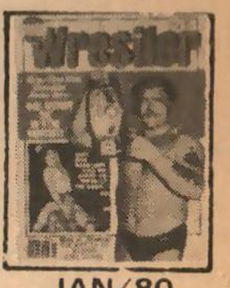
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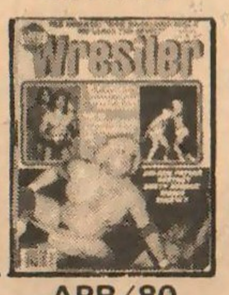
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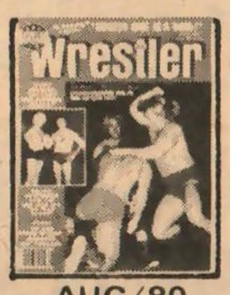
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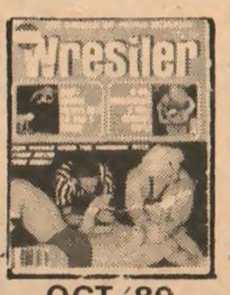
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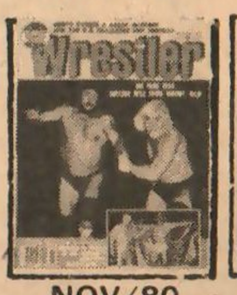
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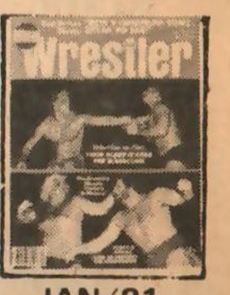
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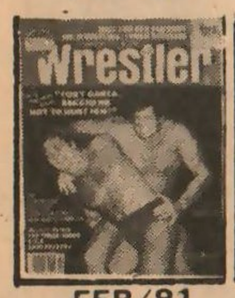
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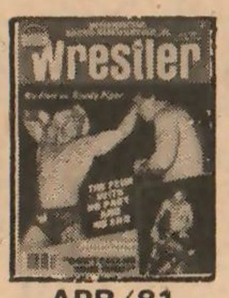
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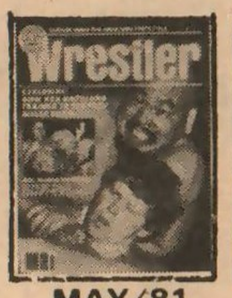
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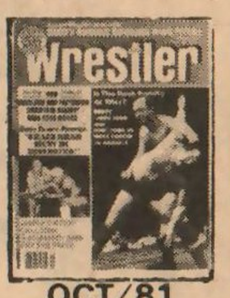
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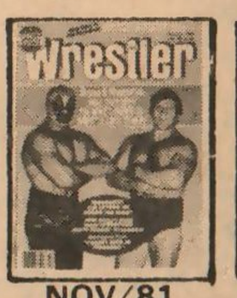
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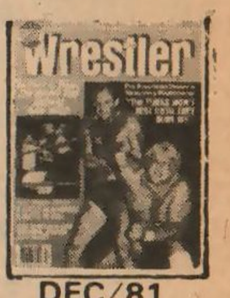
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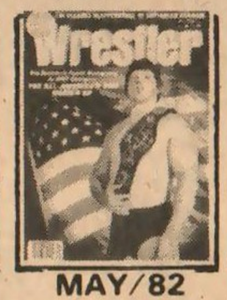
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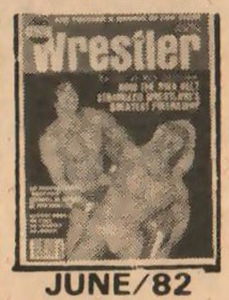
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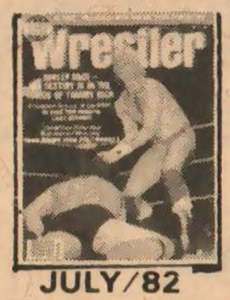
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BY RICH COUNTIS

SCOOP OF THE MONTH

This time around, I'm going to be talking politics instead of wrestling. Why not? After all, if Tommy Rich is doing it, I suppose I could, too.

Yes, politics. Life is more than just your profession, even for a wrestler. Sure, the schedule is the most demanding of any sport, sometimes requiring seven matches in seven days. But man cannot live by bread alone, and even a wrestler can find time for an occasional bit of politicking on the part of a friend.

Enter Tommy Rich. I'm not going to make any value judgments, because frankly I couldn't care less about what Rich decides to do in his spare time. I'll leave that kind of critical determination to a guy like Shocket. Nevertheless, Rich has been spending virtually all of his spare time campaigning for Brad Armstrong.

It's no secret that Rich and Armstrong are good friends, and now it's no secret that Rich would like to see Armstrong named "Rookie of the Year" for 1982.

"I've been talking to just about everyone I can get my hands on," said Rich in a recent telephone interview. "I think that Brad Armstrong is as deserving of the Rookie of the Year award as anyone else, and more deserving than most.

"Sure, there are a lot of great young wrestlers around," said Rich, "and the last thing I would want to do is to take anything away from these fine young men, but Armstrong has impressed me as the best rookie that I have had the pleasure of seeing.

"Brad is very aware of the rules, and he never does anything to deliberately under-

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Brad Armstrong, taking instructions from father Bob, is being touted as "Rookie of the Year" by Tommy Rich.

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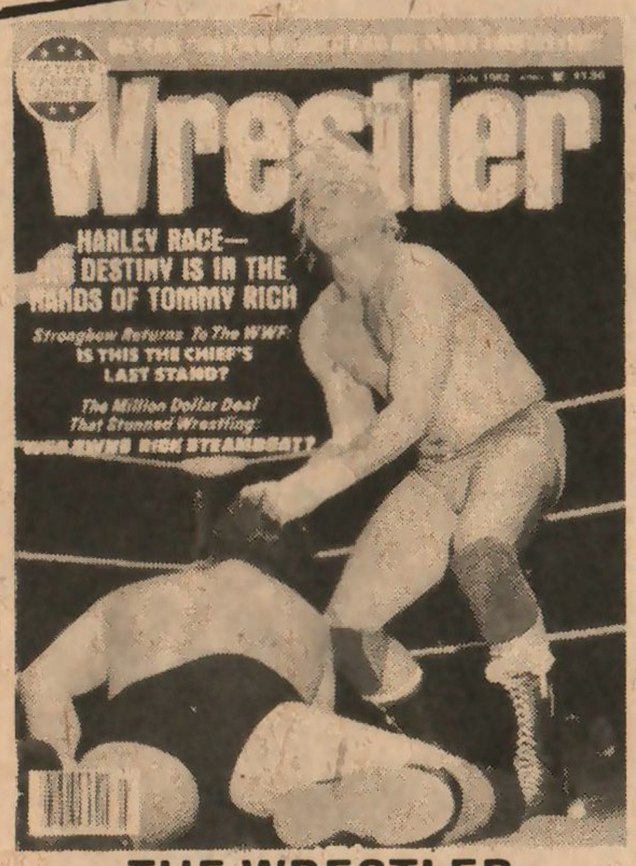

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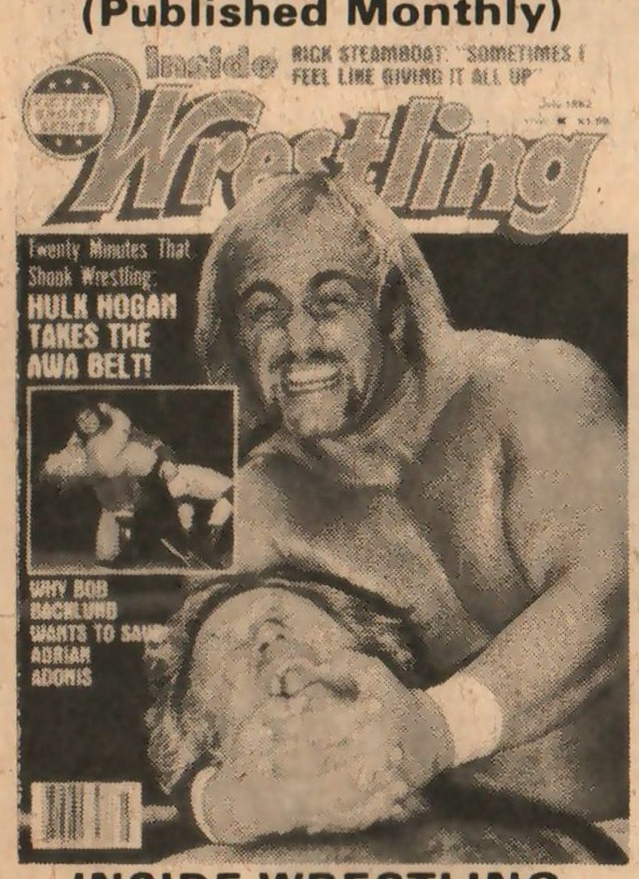

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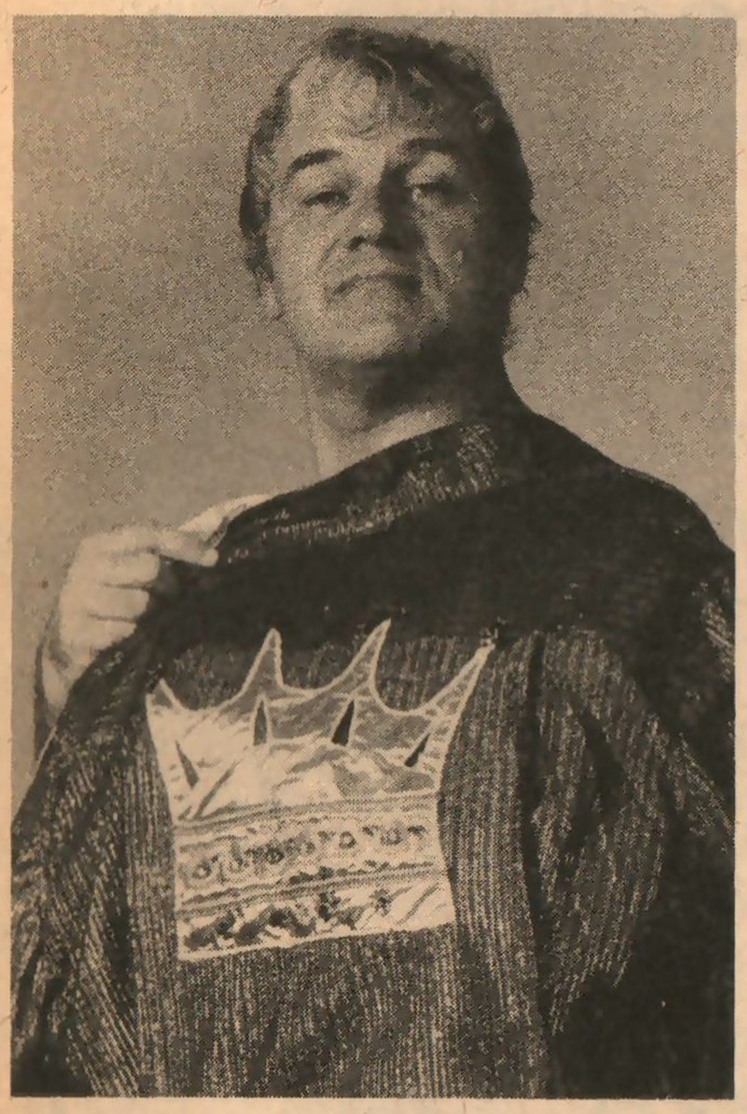
NAMES MAKI

James J. Dillon is demanding that **Dusty Rhodes** pay all the medical expenses for the fractured wrist Dusty inflicted on the Florida manager.

"I won't pay him one damn penny!" Rhodes told us. "He never paid anyone for all the injuries he and the maniacs he managed have caused."



J.J. DILLON

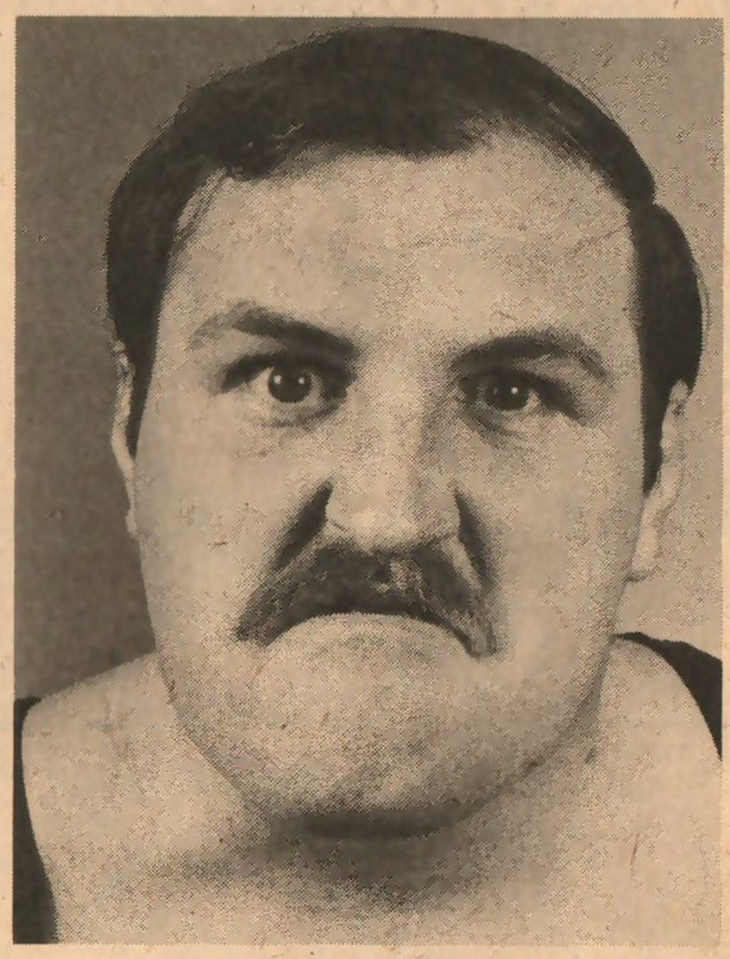
Tempers flared in St. Louis, Missouri, between tag team partners **Ken Patera** and **Crusher Blackwell**. "He has no brains!" Patera exclaimed in the dressing room after the match. Blackwell's retort? "Patera can't rassle worth a damn!" claimed the 500-pounder from Stone Mountain, Georgia. Promoters have signed the two to wrestle each other in St. Louis. Sounds like it will be a war!

Hulk Hogan was a big hit on NBC's *Tonight Show*. Hulk discussed his supporting role in *Rocky III* with host Johnny Carson and showed he has a great sense of humor.

JOHNNY CARSON, BROOKE SHIELDS, HULK HOGAN

Sgt. Slaughter is pleased to have the U.S. title belt back in his possession. The Sergeant was awarded the title by default when **Wahoo McDaniel**, who was hospitalized, was unable to defend. Unfortunately for McDaniel, this injury occurred during the NWA's 30-day trial elimination of the disqualification rule. By strict regulations, Wahoo's forfeit constituted a disqualification . . .

WAHOO McDANIEL



SGT. SLAUGHTER

N'NEWS

Bill Apter reporting...

SIR OLIVER HUMPERDINK

Slaughter's recruits, **Pvts. Nelson** and **Kernodle**, have regained the Mid-Atlantic tag team belts from **Porkchop Cash** and **King Parson.**

Brad Armstrong won a tournament to decide a United States Junior heavyweight champion . . . **El Gran Apollo** is in Texas and warring with **Tully Blanchard** . . . **Prince Tonga** is headed to Florida . . . **Sir Oliver Humperdink** has left Kansas City and is now managing the team of **Ninja** and **Gene Anderson** in the Mid-Atlantic region. Anderson, incidentally, has been banned from managing in the Mid-Atlantic.

And speaking of myself, **Abdullah The Butcher** attacked me in Amarillo, Texas, for no apparent reason. As I was photographing his match against **Terry Funk**, he caught sight of me at ringside and hit me with a forearm that knocked me two rows back. This is the third time he has done this to me!

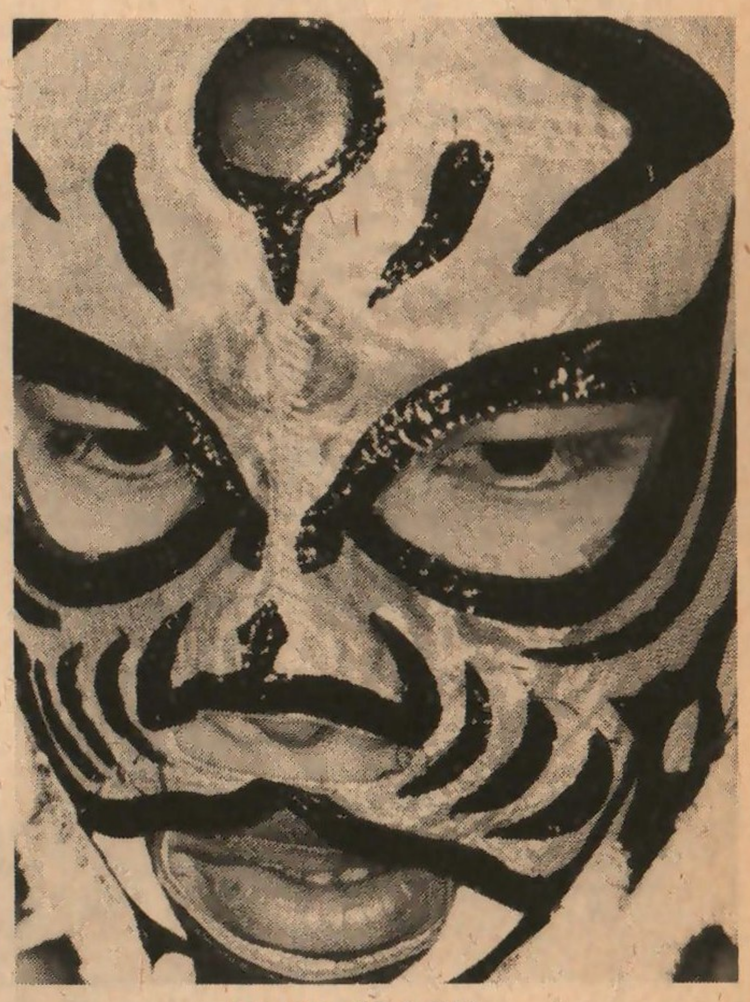
ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER

Terry Funk and **Dick Slater** may form a tag team. Proposed name? The Bruiser Brothers! . . . **John Studd** and **Stan Hansen** have signed **J.J. Dillon** to be their Florida manager . . . **Masked Superstar** infuriated **Mr. Wrestling II** by tearing up one of II's $1,000 robes . . . **Tito Santana** and **Rick Martel** are vying with **Bobby Duncum** and **Ken Patera** for the number-one challenger's position to **Greg Gagne** and **Jim Brunzell's** AWA tag team title.

Six-time NWA champion **Lou Thesz** has signed for a series of matches in San Antonio, Texas . . .

Greg Valentine has left the WWF. He's now grappling in the Mid-Atlantic and headed to the AWA . . . **Superfly Snuka** climbed to the top of the 15-foot steel cage in his match against WWF champion **Bob Backlund** at Madison Square Garden. His spectacular dive to the ring (though it missed Backlund, his intended target) was the most magnificent maneuver I have seen in my 30 years of watching pro wrestling.

Superstar Billy Graham is negotiating with WWF promoters for a September or October return to the territory . . . NWA and WWF junior heavyweight champion **Tiger Mask** is slated to tour the United States soon . . .



TIGER MASK

Bruiser Brody has accepted a series of matches in Florida . . . Just to squash rumors, midget star **Little Beaver** is not the manager of WWF tag team champions **Jules** and **Jay Strongbow**.

That's all for now. See you at the matches! □

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Some of the back issues in this ad have not been offered for sale for more than 25 years. All of these extremely rare magazines are from the personal collection of Stanley Weston, owner of the world's largest collection of wrestling memorabilia. This is jndeed a once in a lifetime opportunity for the true collector to finally own these highly treasured but until now elusive editions. Obviously, the supplies of these issues is very limited, and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. It is for that reason we urge you to list substitute choices when you order. This will avoid time wasted writing back and forth should a particular issue be sold out. The prices quoted are based on the rarity of the issue and the amount of available copies. For fastest service, payment should be made by money order or certified check. While cash will be accepted, we cannot assume responsibility when it is sent through the mails. All sales are final and no exchanges will be made.

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Wrestling—Yvon Robert, Wrestling Whirl, Sky Hi Lee, Matches of the Month, Pacific Coast Championship, George Hackenschmidt, Indian Wrestlers, Ruffy Silverstein, Ratings, Londos vs. Shikat **$25**

JUNE 1952 ***Boxing***—Fights of the Month, Gil Turner, Max Schmeling, Jack Johnson, Ratings, Stillman's Gym, Chico Vejar, Flyweights and Bantamweights, Tex Rickard Story, Paddy DeMarco, Max Baer's Record
Wrestling—Lord Carlton, Ratings, Mars Bennett, Human Sides, Tony Lanza, Wrestling Whirl, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, Matches of Month, San Francisco Promoter Joe Malcewicz **$25**

AUGUST 1952 ***Boxing***—Highlights, Paddy Young, Sammy Mandell, Trainer Doc Bagler, Jack Dempsey, Keeny Teran and Gil Cadilli, Tex Rickard Story, Lew Tendler, TV From Miami, From Knockdown to Victory, Ratings
Wrestling—Dirty Dick Raines, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, How Girl Wrestlers Keep Fit, Ratings, Adrian Baillargeon, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Mighty Atlas **$25**

SEPTEMBER 1952 ***Boxing***—Highlights, Fighting Italians, George Arauji, Pancho Villa, Trainer Charlie Goldman, Willie Troy, Ratings, Boxing Confidential, Gene Tunney, Jackie Fields
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DECEMBER 1954 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Matches of Month, Cisco Andrade, Ezzard Charles writes about Marciano, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Tony DeMarco, Jimmy Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom's Life, Paul Andrews, Tony Galento vs. Lou Nova, Benny Leonard, Quiz, Dempsey vs. Fred Fulton, Quiz
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Wrestling—Gorgeous George, Matches of Month, Jack Witzig, Ike Eakins, Texas Tough Guys, Little Black Dynamite, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs. **$25**

APRIL 1955 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Archie Moore Blasts Marciano, Robert Cohen, Joe Choynski's Life, Strike By Managers' Guild, 'Boardwalk' Billy Smith, Ad Wolgast vs. Joe Rivers, Fake Fights, St. Nicks Arena, TV Fights of 1954, Paul Berlenbach, Quiz, Ratings **$25**

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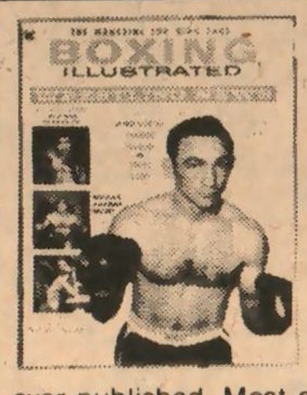

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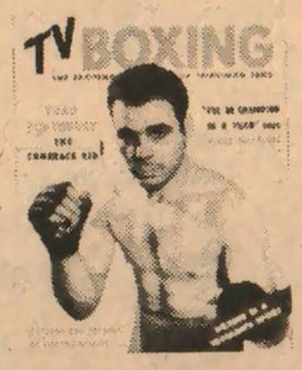

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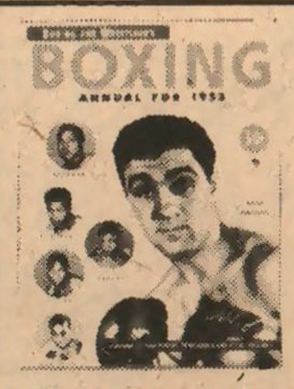

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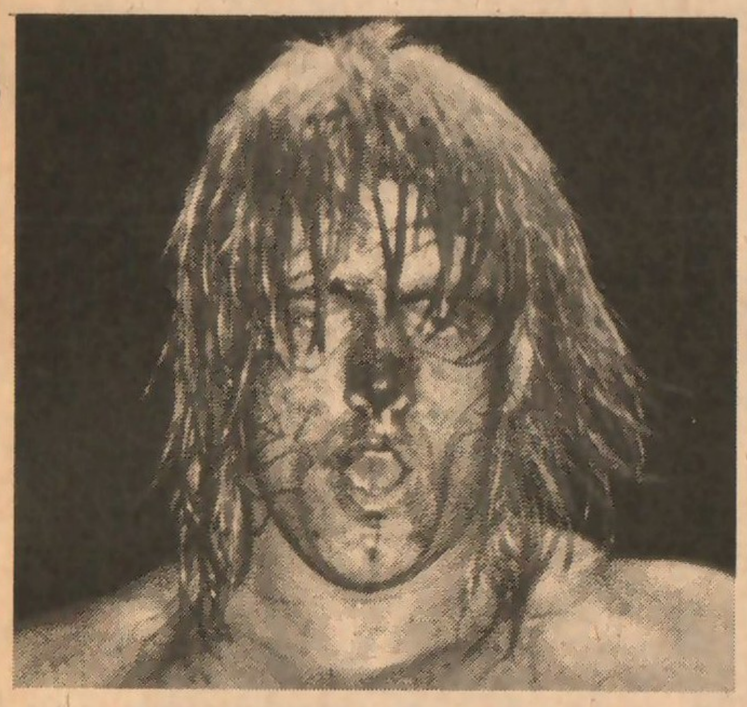
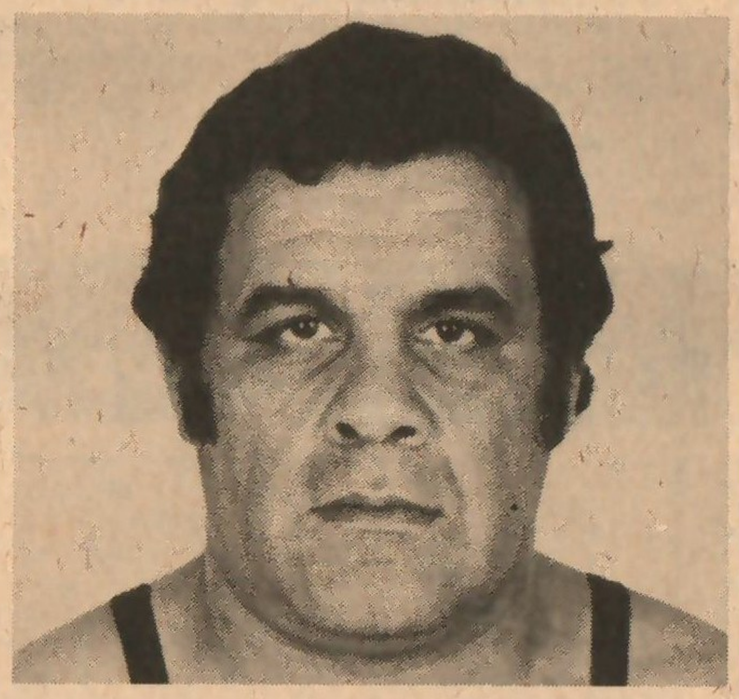


RIC FLAIR
vs.
BRUISER

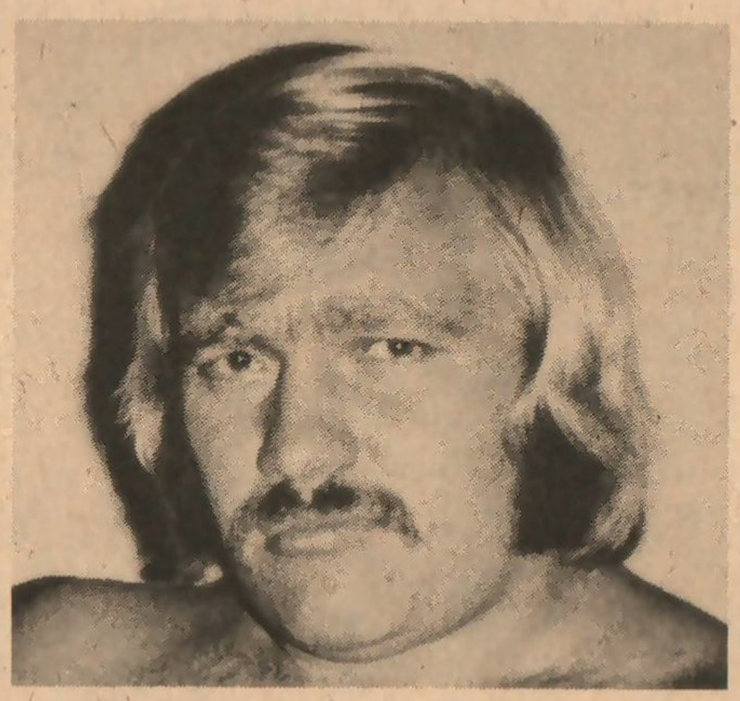
Missouri State champion Bruiser was at his brutal best against Ric Flair. The NWA champion took as much punishment as he dished out. After both men exchanged holds, Bruiser threw Flair out of the ring and rammed his head on the steel cornerpost. Both men reentered the ring, and it looked as if Flair would lose the title, but the referee stopped the match because of excessive bleeding by Flair.

OTHER BOUTS: Dusty Rhodes and Ted DiBiase defeated Harley Race and Dick Murdoch . . . Bruiser Brody beat Bruiser Bob Sweetan .

BUFFALO, NY
By Mark M. Oship



KING KONG MOSCA
vs.
JOHN STUDD



Mosca and Studd battled on the arena floor almost as much as they battled in the ring. Studd came at Mosca with chairs, broken pieces of wood, the timekeeper's bell, and the timekeeper's hammer. Finally, Mosca was able to get the hammer from Studd, and he used it to knock Studd to the canvas and take the victory.

OTHER BOUTS: Gene Kiniski defeated Jake Roberts . . . Jimmy Valiant and Johnny Weaver beat Ivan Koloff and The Ninja . . . Pvts. Nelson and Kernodle defeated Porkchop Cash and Nick DeCarlo.

COLUMBIA, SC
By Jack L. Murphy

RODDY PIPER
vs.
JACK BRISCO

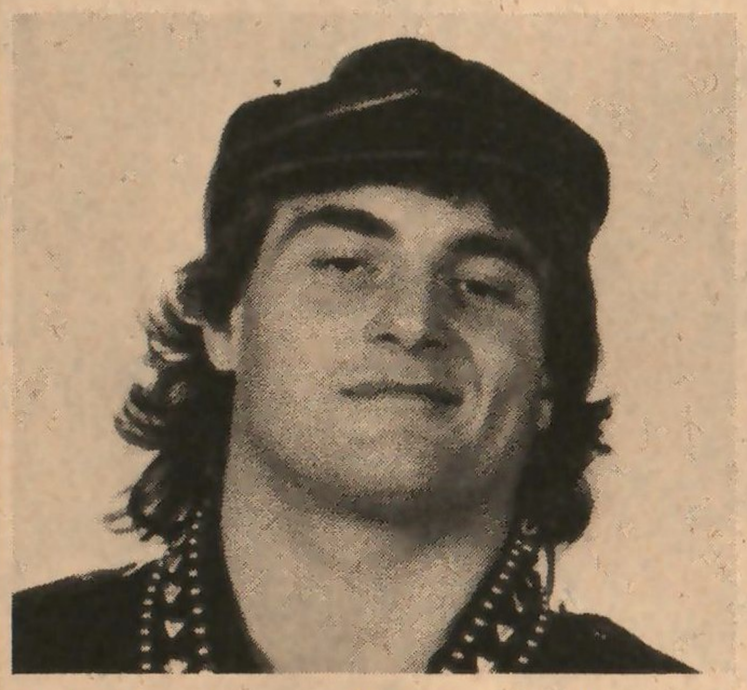
Desperate to regain his Mid-Atlantic championship, Piper treated Brisco to his full arsenal of illegal tactics. But Brisco was well prepared. He countered every one of Piper's moves beautifully. Piper's challenge was not strong enough, and after losing the match, the Scot demanded another rematch.

OTHER BOUTS: Johnny Weaver defeated Gene Anderson . . . Mike Rotondo beat Ron Richie . . . Jim Dalton lost to Keith Larson.

WRESTLING CAPITALS

NEW HAVEN, CT
By Frank Quadrino

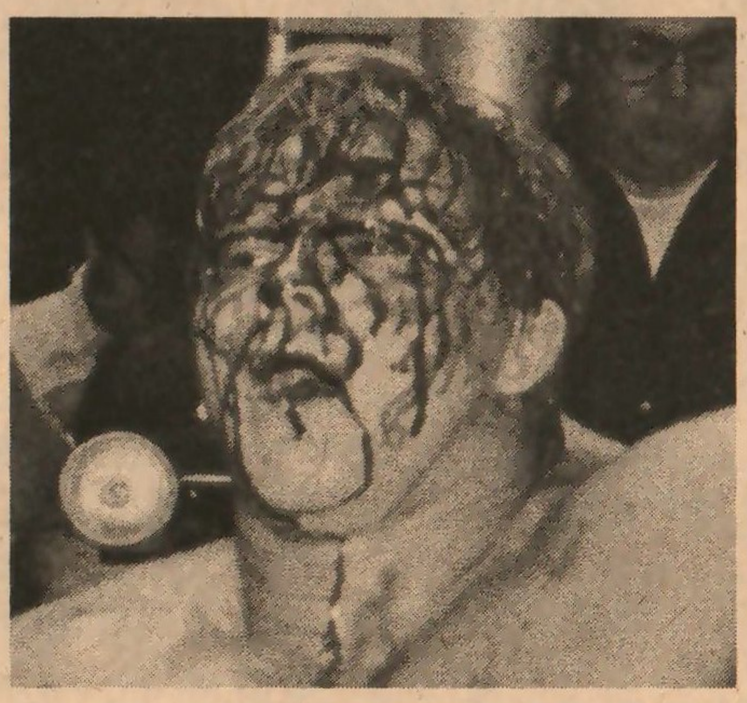
ANDRE THE GIANT
vs.
ADRIAN ADONIS



Adonis jumped on Andre and attempted to apply "Goodnight Irene" three times. On the third try, Andre pushed Adonis off his back, gave him a headbutt, went to the ropes, and jumped on Adonis for the victory. Adonis was hopelessly overmatched throughout the entire contest, and he seemed to be very happy that the match was finally over.

OTHER BOUTS: Jules and Chief Jay Strongbow defeated Mr. Fuji and Mr. Saito by disqualification . . . Blackjack Mulligan defeated Steve Travis . . . Greg Valentine beat Rick McGraw.

NEW YORK, NY
By John Miniaci



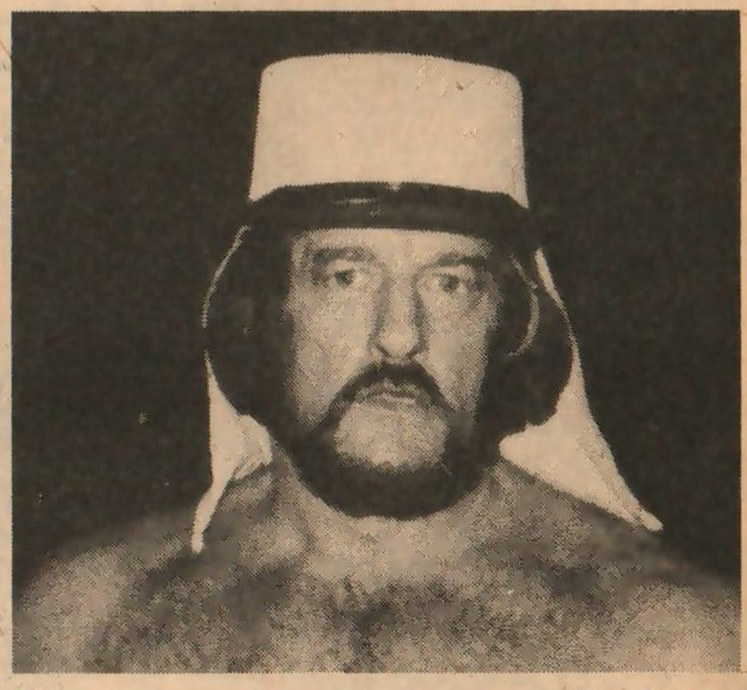
BOB BACKLUND
vs.
JIMMY SNUKA

Neither man was able to gain an advantage in the first 15 minutes. Then Snuka went to work on Backlund's bruised ribs. Backlund collapsed out of the ring, managed to regain some strength, and struggled back into the ring. Snuka bloodied him, and went on to win the match, but not the title because Backlund was counted out of the ring.

OTHER BOUTS: Ivan Putski defeated Mr. Saito . . . Jesse Ventura and Adrian Adonis lost to Jules and Chief Jay Strongbow .

MILWAUKEE, WI
By Greg and Corey Zajac

BUCK ZUMHOFE
vs.
SGT. JACQUES GOULET



Because of a recent television melee between Rock 'n' Roll Zumhofe and Goulet, a rematch between the two was in order. In the bout, Zumhofe continuously taunted Goulet with a stuffed skunk, which infuriated the Sergeant and caused him to lose his concentration. In the end, the referee was knocked unconscious, and the match was declared a "no contest."

OTHER BOUTS: Hulk Hogan defeated Nick Bockwinkel by disqualification . . . The Sheiks beat Baron Von Raschke and Ray Stevens .

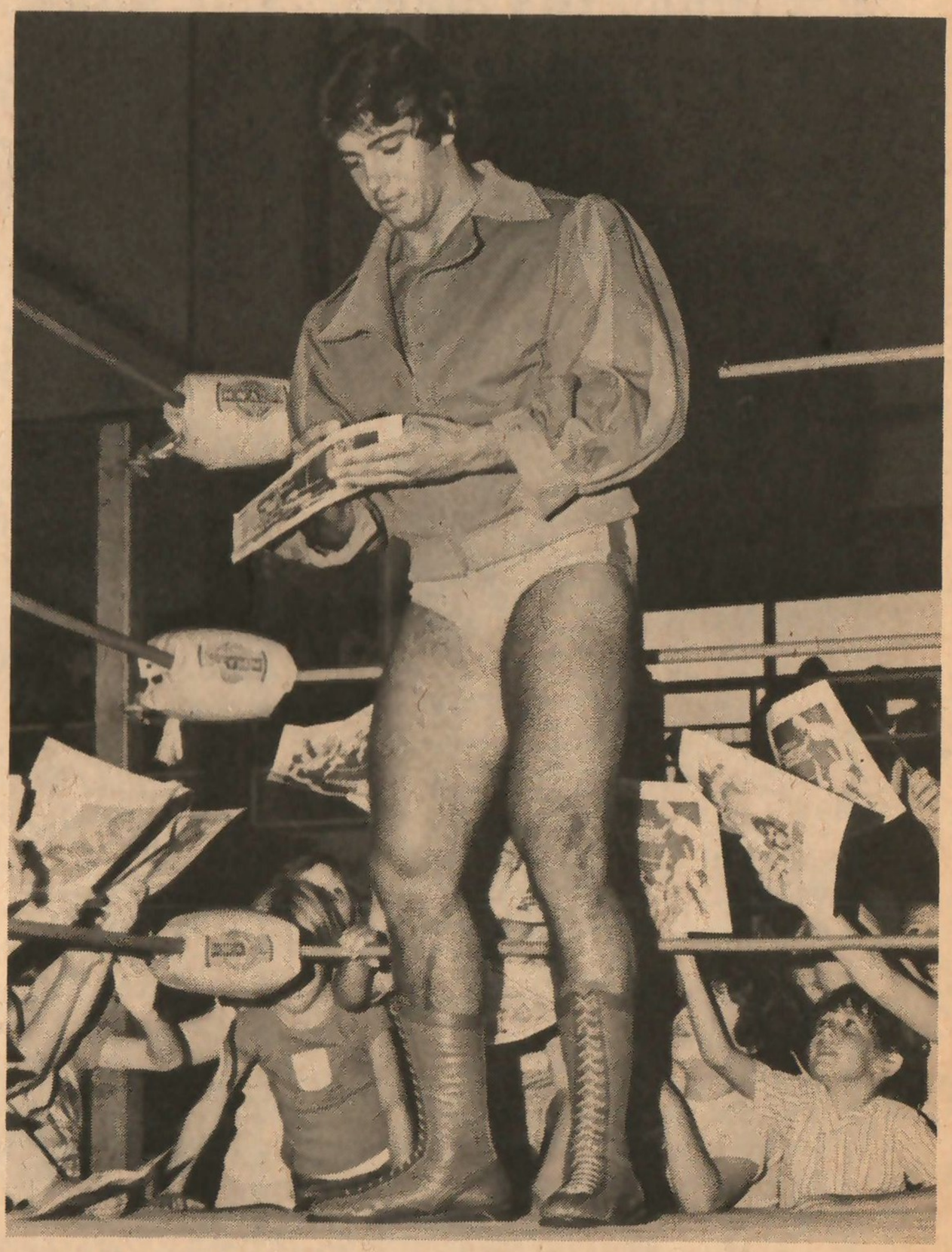
Matt Brock's PLAIN SPEAKING

ATLANTA, GA: What an honor, and certainly something that happens only once in a lifetime. I've got to add my congratulations to everyone who contributes to *Georgia Championship Wrestling.* In case you missed it on television, the mayor of Atlanta, and former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young presented a

YOUNG, BRISCO, & SOLIE

plaque to *GCW* Vice President Jerry Brisco that reads: *The Honorable Andrew Young, Mayor of the City of Atlanta, Presents This Distinguished Community Achievement Award to Georgia Championship Wrestling, Inc., America's Most Widely Viewed Professional Wrestling Show, In Recognition of its Outstanding Contribution to the World of Sports and Entertainment.* Once again, congratulations to Brisco, Gordon Solie, and everyone at *GCW.*

MINNEAPOLIS, MN: Sure, a guy is allowed to change his mind. Happens all the time. But I never really thought that Rick Martel would return to tag team competition, particularly after the intense discussion he supposedly had with former WWF championship partner Tony Garea. By all accounts, Martel was going to be engaged in solo competition in the AWA. Well, now it turns out that he is teaming with Tito Santana and making a play for Bobby Duncum and Ken

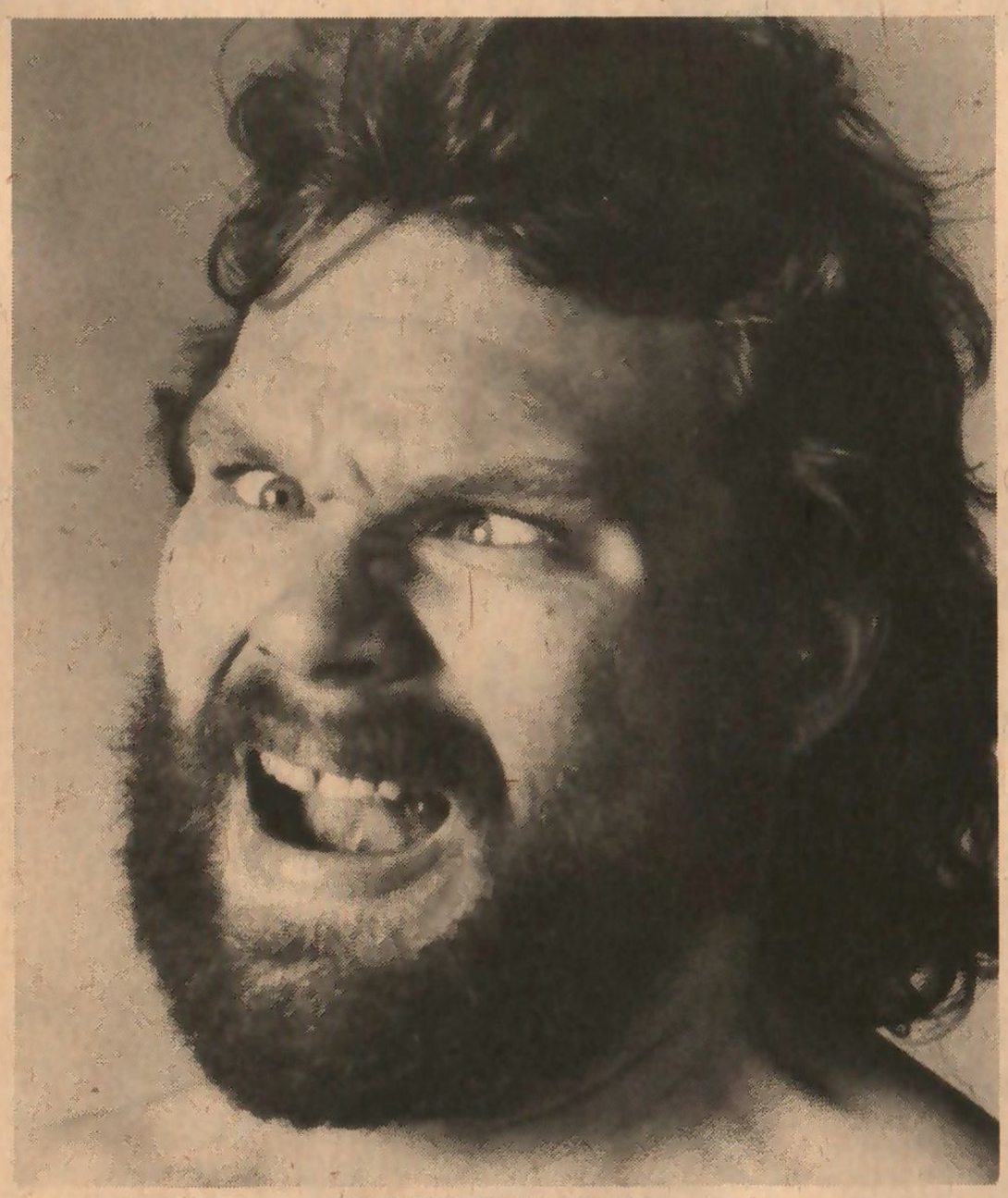


RICK MARTEL

Harder than nails, veteran wrestling reporter Matt Brock has logged more miles covering wrestling than any other journalist. Every month Matt will travel to the sport's hotbeds, reporting everything he sees without fear or favor

Patera's number-one contender's position. Perhaps they intend to go after the tag team title. Actually, I don't think Martel will stay in tag team competition. It just seems to me to be a good idea to ease into the AWA the way he is doing; getting a taste of the opposition there without stepping into the ring all alone is a damn good idea. Later, after he gains a feel of his AWA opponents, he can branch into one-on-one matches. If I know Rick, he'll probably make it all the way to the top.

HOUSTON, TX: This town has become pretty hot for the mat wars as of late. The one and only Mil Mascaras has been engaged in quite a feud with Crazy Duggan. Bockwinkel has been



CRAZY DUGGAN

defending his title against Junkyard Dog, and Southwest tag team champions Ken Lucas and Ricky Morton, an honorable pair of grapplers if ever there was one, have been defending their belts against Gino Hernandez and Tully Blanchard. I for one would like to see Lucas and Morton make hamburger out of Gino and Tully. Those two don't deserve the right time, much less the right to challenge a pair of titleholders. All my money is going on Morton and Lucas.

TAMPA, FL: Ric Flair has the nerve to call himself a champion?! Well, how many men deserve the title of "champion" when they hire mercenaries at 20-grand a pop to wipe out a viable challenger to the title? Frankly, I think it's disgusting. "This is the best $20,000 I ever spent," said Ric Flair as he announced the payoff to manager J.J. Dillon for Kendo Nagasaki having apparently put Butch Reed out of action. Well, Reed isn't out of action, and Dillon isn't about to return the money. When you lie down with pigs, Ric, you wind up hamstrung. The day used to be when Flair was an honorable champion, a man who had no fear of any challenger to the title. Now, as he lives life in the fast lane, he finds he can't live up to the challenges and that he has to rely on hired guns to do his dirty work.

LAS VEGAS, NV: Stopped into this amazing town for a bit of rest and some gambling. Farhood was supposed to meet me here, but he missed his flight. While waiting in the airport for the next plane from New York, I had a chance to read some mail. Judy Geller of Rego Park, New York, commented on my article about Andre the Giant in the August 1982 issue. What with Andre getting into show business, she suggests that other wrestlers be allowed their creative outlets: "Bruno Hosts Pavarotti, Live From the Garden," "Bockwinkel's Philosophy on Parade," and "Dom DeNucci's Pasta Hour" were but three of her suggestions. Not bad, Judy, but with all the accent these days on exercise, maybe Sgt. Slaughter could host a show on aerobics ("Stretch, one, two, stretch, three, four . . . come on you dogfaces, lose those inches!"), or maybe Jimmy Snuka could do those commercials for luggage where he throws the suitcases all around a cage trying to bust 'em open. It boggles the imagination. □

HOTSEAT

JAMES J. DILLON

"FLORIDA IS AT MY FEET"

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY BILL APTER

HE IS ONE of the most ruthless managers in all of wrestling. He controls the Florida heavyweight championship in Jim Garvin, along with one of the most brutal men ever to invade the state's wrestling rings: Kendo Nagasaki. He is the bane of many wrestlers' lives, including Dusty Rhodes and Butch Reed. Indeed, he collected $20,000 from NWA champion Ric Flair for an attempt to put Reed out of commission. He is perhaps the most insidious man on the Florida wrestling scene today. He is James J. Dillon.

Q: J.J., the first thing I feel I ought to ask you about is obviously the Ric Flair situation. Could you tell us in your own words what happened?

A: I'd be more than glad to, Bill. This situation has been getting a lot of publicity lately, and I welcome the opportunity to set the record straight. As you know, of course, "Hacksaw" Butch Reed was involved in a televised match with Ric Flair. It was a match with a time limit, and as that limit drew near, there was no clear winner in the match.

"[Butch Reed] has hellish recuperative powers, but I've only begun to go after that 20-grand, and I'm not about to let a bounty like that get out of my hands."

Q: That's when Flair asked for another five minutes in the match?

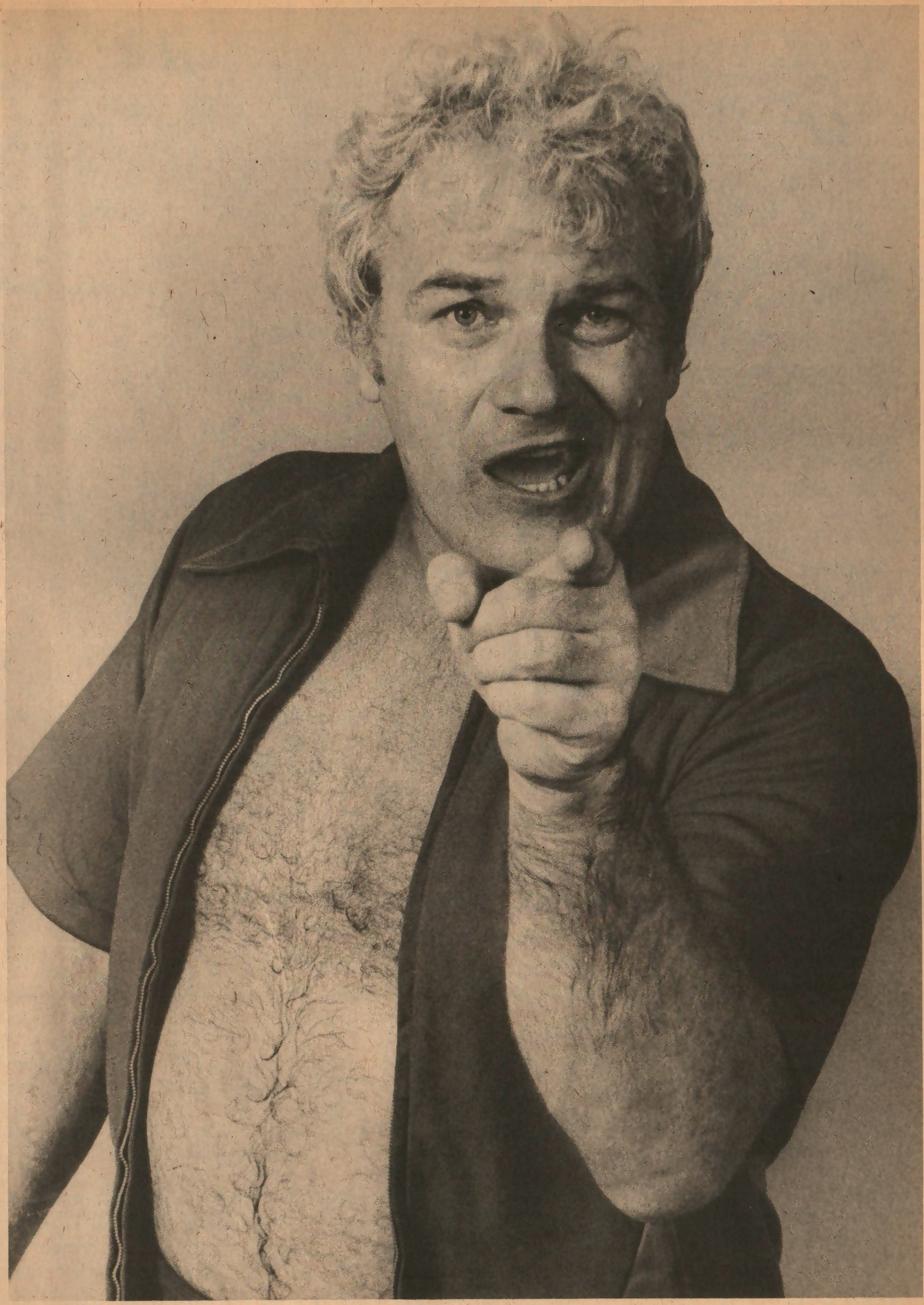
A: Right. During that five minutes, Reed pinned Flair, but he wasn't awarded the belt because the extra time wasn't included in the contract.

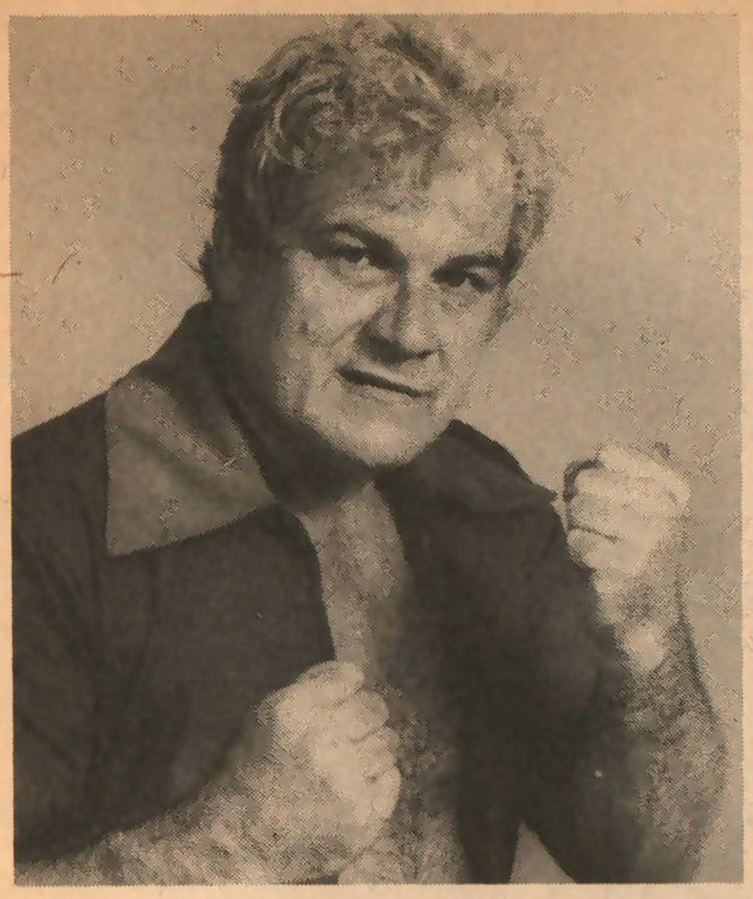
Q: I remember seeing that match on television. It caused quite an uproar.

A: You better believe it. Anyway, Flair began to run scared after that, and for good reason. If Reed was able to pin him once on television, there's no reason he couldn't do the same thing all over again. So Flair made it known to the general public that he was willing to pay a bounty of $5,000 to any man who could put Reed out of action. Soon he doubled the ante to 10-grand, and finally to $20,000.

Q: That's some piece of change.

A: Well, it sure caught *my* attention. I called on my main





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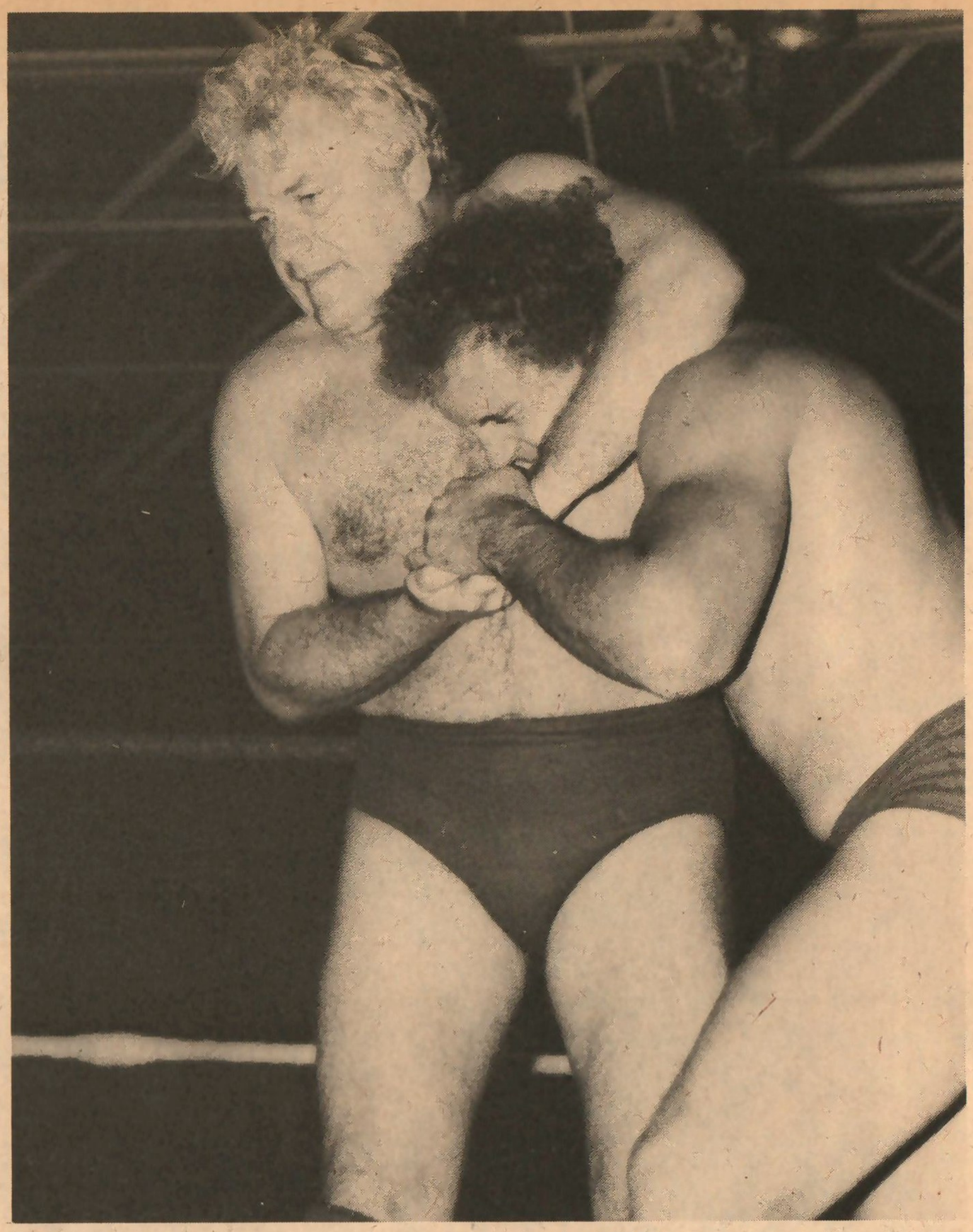


Dillon, making an unannounced appearance in the WWF to scout for talent, had his hands full with rookie Laurent Soucie. Though Dillon feels he has the best stable of wrestlers in the country, he is always looking to expand.

man, Kendo Nagasaki, and we talked about this Reed situation. Well, to make a long story short, Kendo took a good shot at Reed, and it looked as if he would be put out of action permanently, but I've got to hand it to him, the boy came back. He's got hellish recuperative powers, but I've only begun to go after that 20-grand, and I'm not about to let a bounty like that get out of my hands.

Q: J.J., as of this interview, you still have not returned the money to Flair, despite the fact that your attempt at eliminating Reed failed.

A: Well, if I were Flair, I wouldn't worry about it, because like I said, I've only begun to go after that 20-grand. It's only a matter of time before the job is all done and the loose ends are all tied up.

Q: There are rumors circulating all through Florida that you and Flair aren't on the best of terms. In fact, published accounts said that you told him to buy stock in Braniff Airlines a month before it went bankrupt!

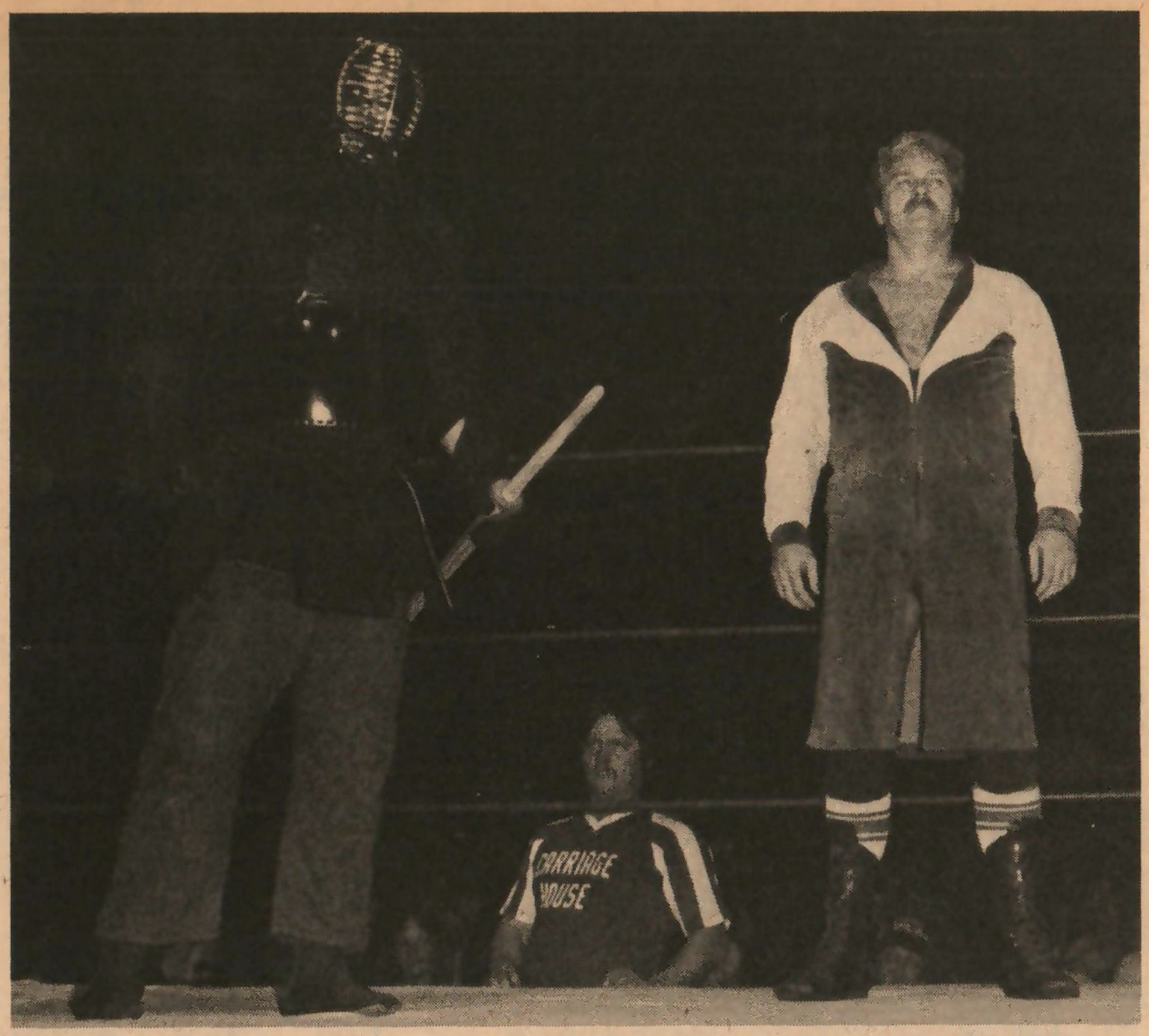
A: Look, Bill, as far as that Braniff story goes, I have no control over what Flair does with his money. If he bought stock, that's his business, and I have nothing to do with it. Furthermore, as far as my relationship with Flair himself goes, it remains all business, just as it always has been. Nothing has changed between us at all.

Q: Okay, let's turn to someone else in Florida: Dusty Rhodes.

A: That whale!

Q: Well, hold on a second. An accusation has been made that it was you who tore up Dusty's hat, the one that was given to him by Willie Nelson, the one that Dusty posted a hefty reward for. And that once you tore it into pieces you put them all in a box and sent it to Dusty. Is this true?

A: Right as rain it's true, and I'm happy to take all the credit for that. Dusty is the poorest excuse for a wrestler that there is on this green earth,



Dillon chose Kendo Nagasaki as the man to help him collect Ric Flair's $20,000 bounty on the head of Butch Reed. The vicious Black Ninja warrior has of yet been unable to accomplish the task, though Dillon still hangs on tightly to Flair's money.

and even though he doesn't need any of my help to look foolish, I'm happy to do all that I can to prove to the five or six people still out there who don't realize what a buffoon, what a clown, Dusty happens to be.

Q: But that's downright cruel, taking something that a star like Willie Nelson gave him, taking his hat, and tearing it to shreds. It's totally childish!

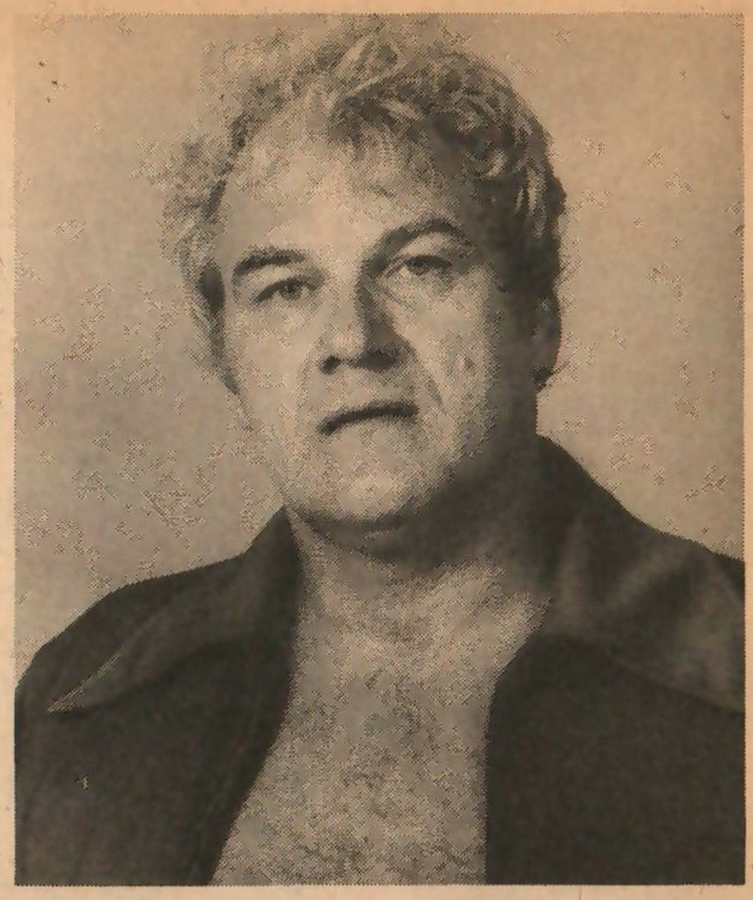
A: Childish? You say it's childish? I'll tell you what's childish: saying that you're going to do something, and then failing to live up to your words. It's losing the NWA title and then placing the blame on something as insignificant as a little bruised leg. It's crying like a baby when you see something you don't like, say maybe the pieces of a cowboy hat, and making a jackass out of yourself on national television. That's childish, and that's Dusty Rhodes. Hell, he's the Baby Huey of the wrestling world.

Q: Well, I can see that we're not getting anywhere with this subject, either.

A: Look Bill, I only call them like I see them, okay? I'm not a phony like all these other baboons who come onto interviews and try and butter the guy up so that he'll look good to all the fans who are reading the magazine. If they don't like what they see or if they don't like what they read, then the hell with them. I know what I want out of life, I know how to get it, and there isn't a man alive who is going to stand in my way.

Q: Sure, but to tear a man's hat like that?

A: Hey, I notice that you seem to be forgetting that Dusty Rhodes, American nightmare that he is, came along and tried to make confetti out of one of Flair's most expensive robes. You don't see people talking about *that*, do you? Hell no, all they talk about is poor, poor Dusty and how his cute little hat from Willie Nelson got torn into tiny bits of cloth. Poor, poor, Dusty. Bull! The whole thing makes me sick. If Rhodes can't live up to the consequences of his actions, then that's his problem.



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Q: J.J., we're almost out of time. Do you have anything you want to say before this interview ends?

A: All I want to say is that I have Kendo Nagasaki, I have the Florida champion Jim Garvin, I have total control of the state. Florida is at my feet, and it's going to stay that way! What's more, this is only the beginning for J.J. Dillon, only the beginning. And anyone who takes that as an empty threat is a fool. □

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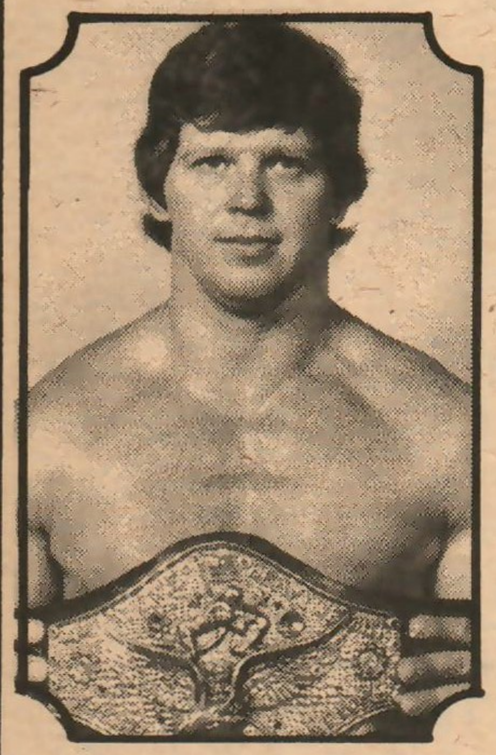

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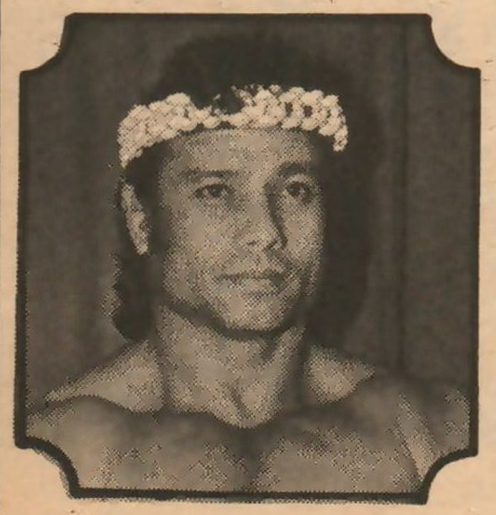

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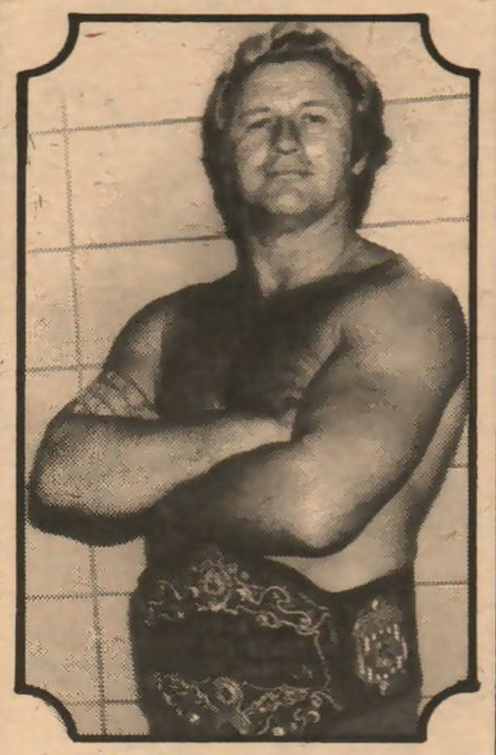

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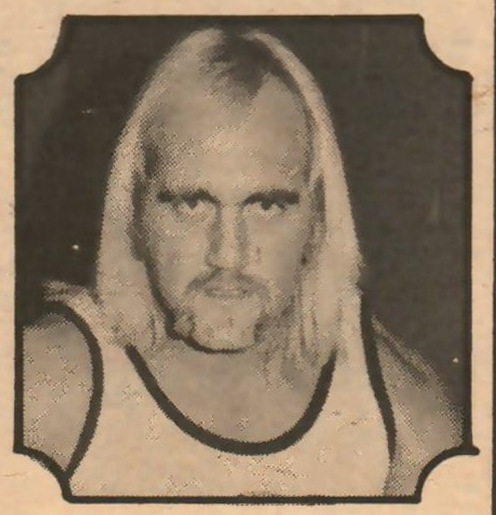

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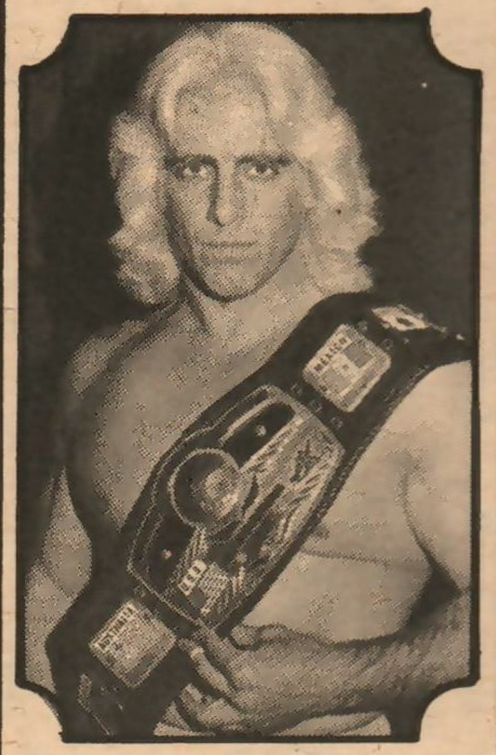

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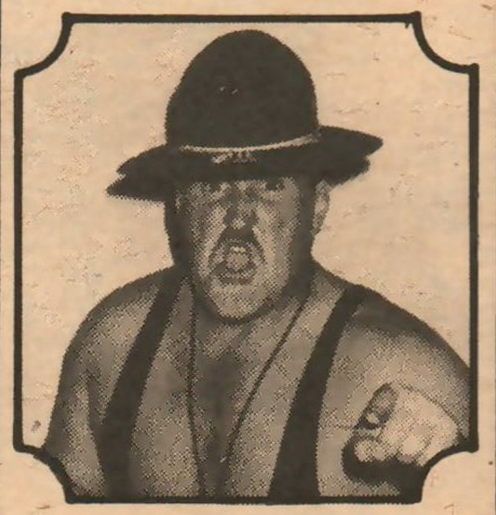

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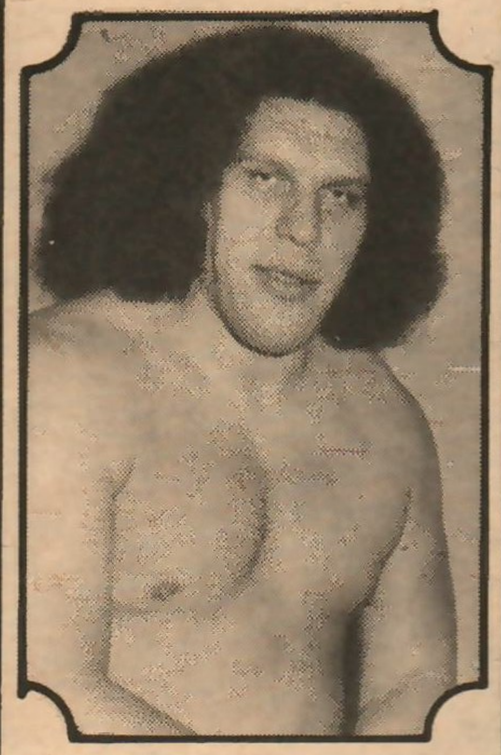

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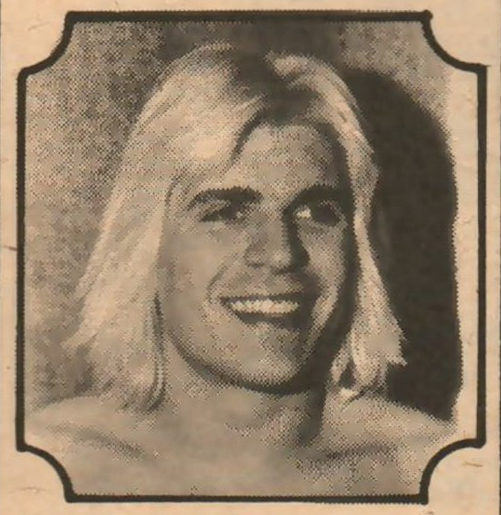

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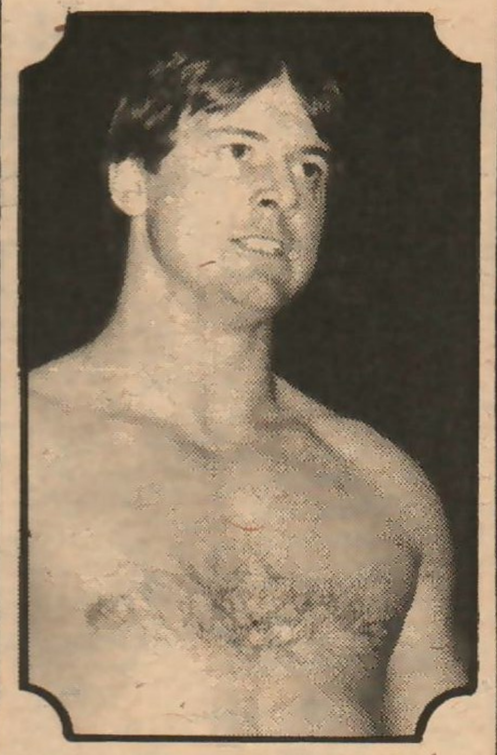

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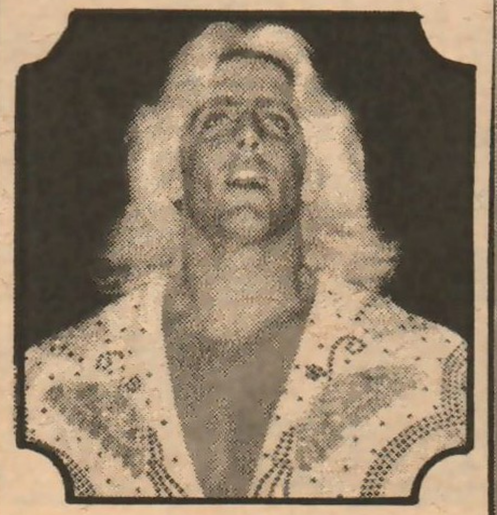

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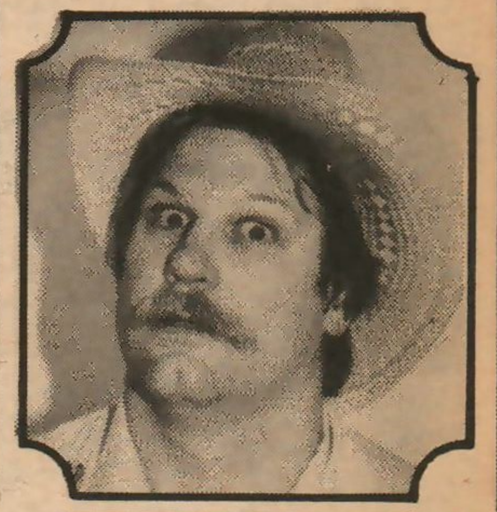

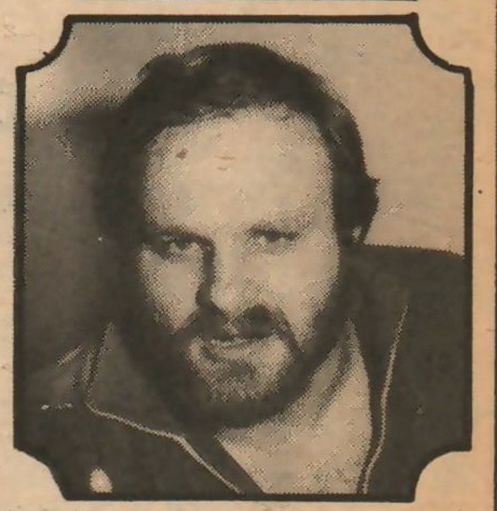

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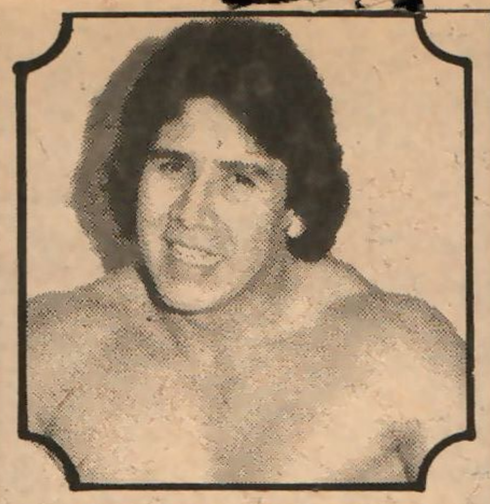

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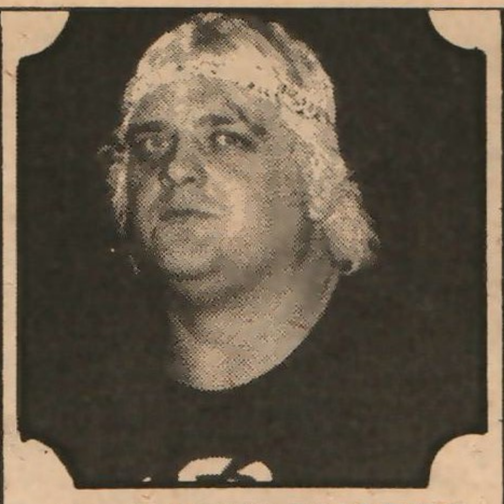

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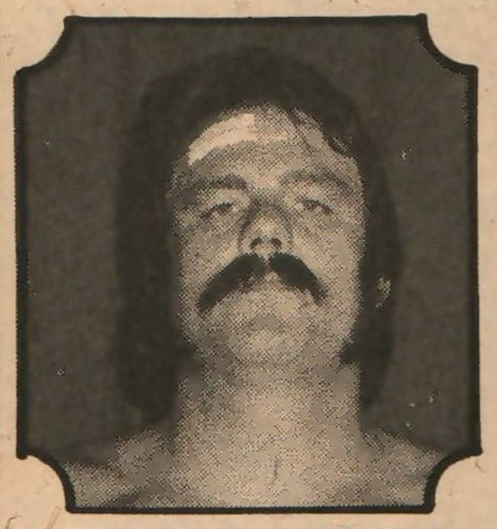

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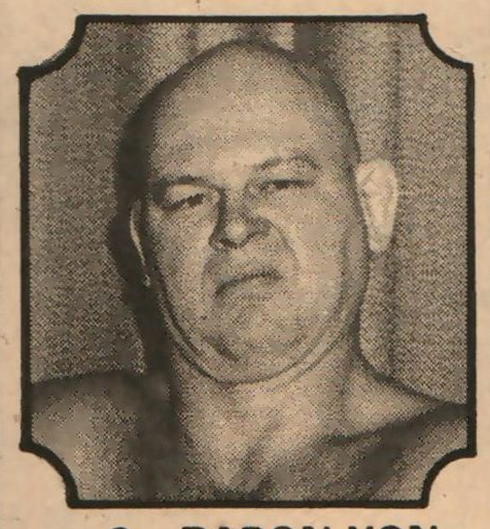

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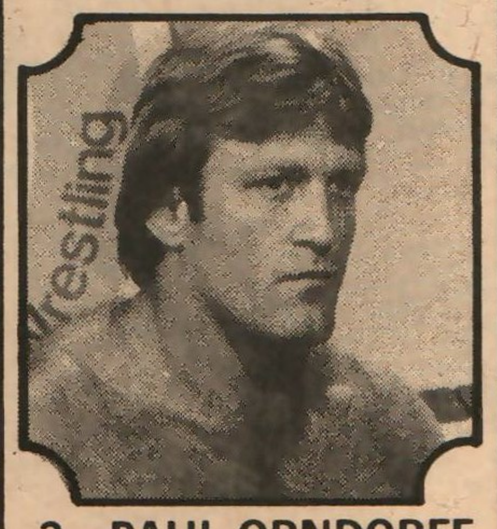

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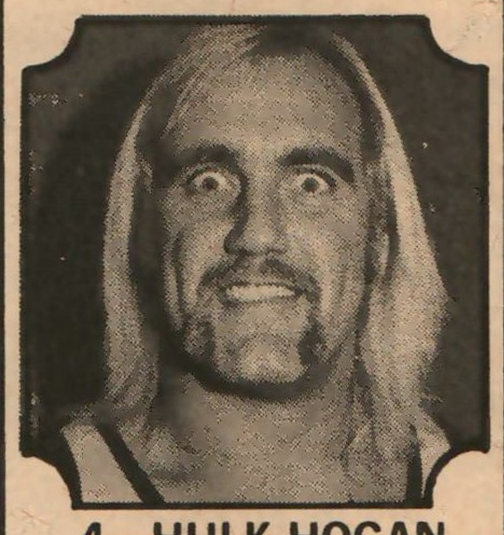

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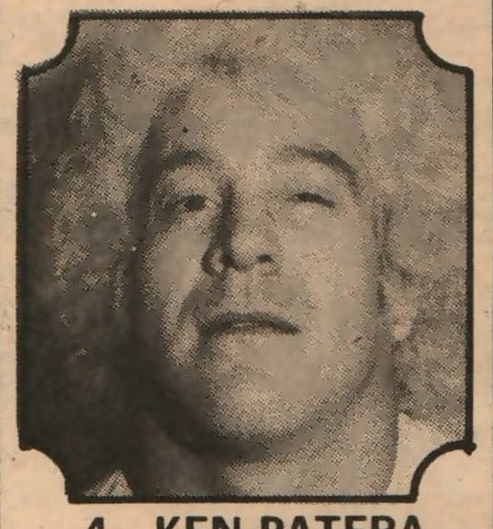

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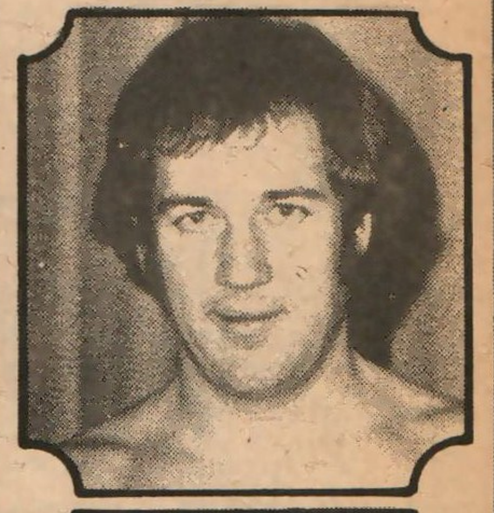

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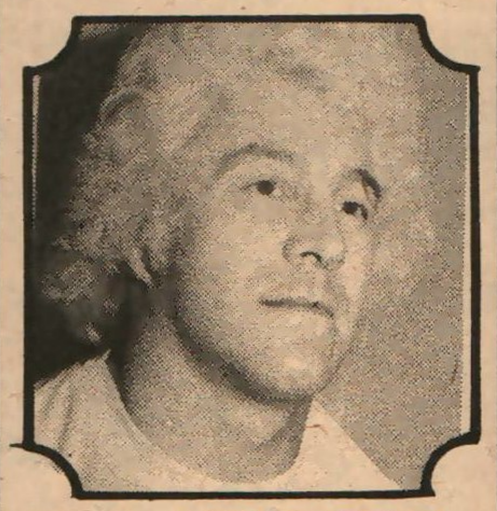

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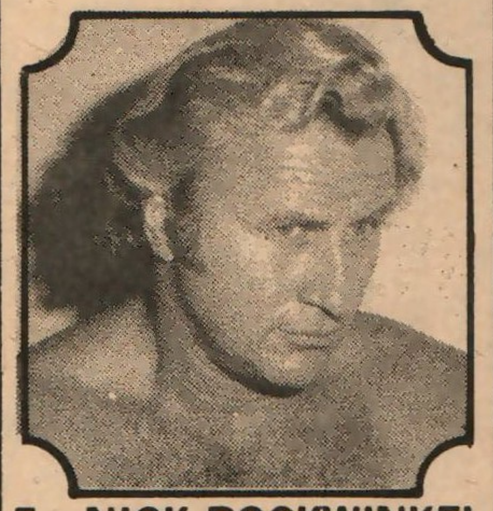

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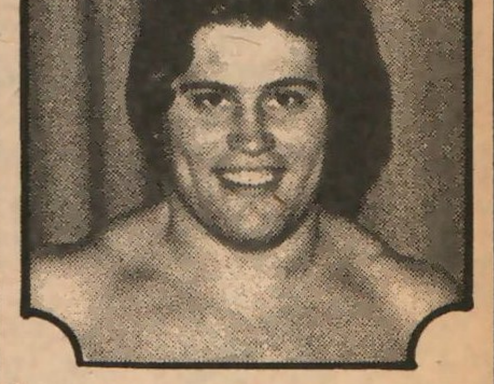

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RODDY PIPER: "I DON'T HAVE TO CHEAT TO DEFEAT TOMMY RICH"

PHOTOS BY BRAD McFARLIN

RODDY PIPER'S FACE twisted itself into a mask of absolute insanity as he let loose a scream that was culled from the very depths of his soul.

Bounding off the ropes and emitting a war cry that would have made Geronimo proud, Piper leaped into the air and zeroed in on his opponent: Tommy Rich.

Rich saw what was coming and rolled quickly out of the way. Piper slammed into the mat with all the angry force he had reserved for his opponents, cried out in pain, and was quickly on his feet again.

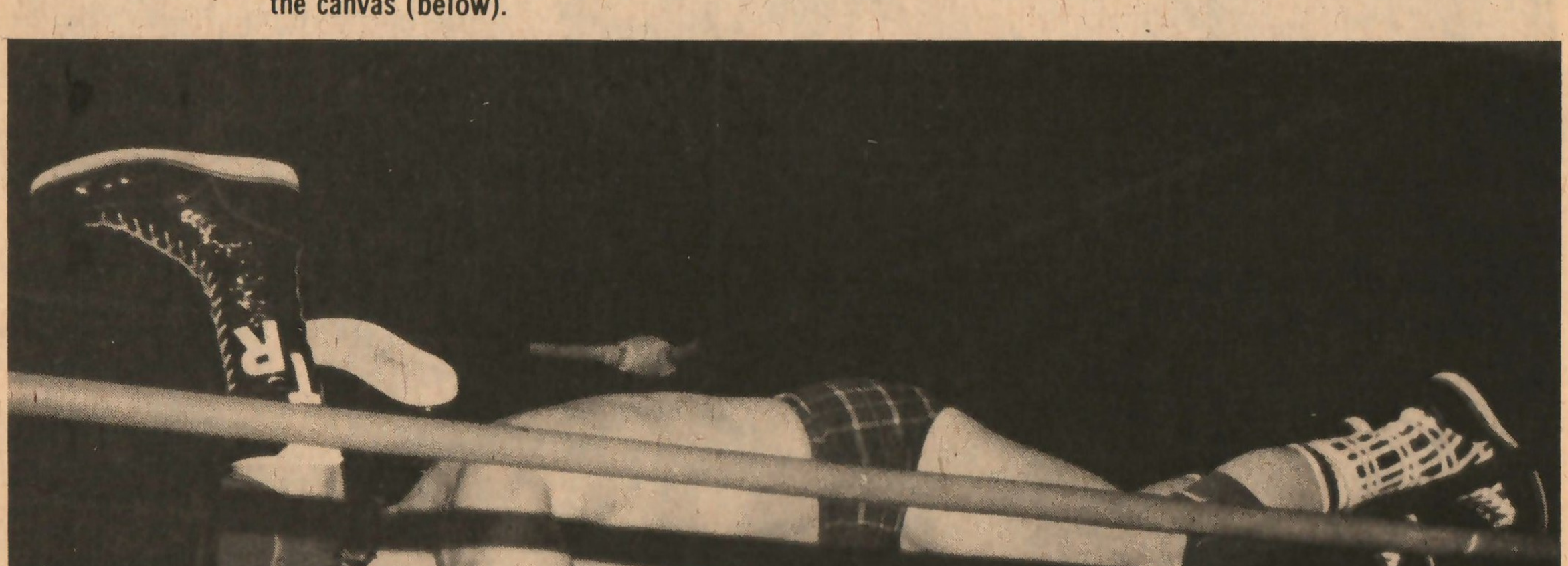
Piper's eyes were as penetrating as hot knives. His stare caught Rich off-guard for a split second, and again Piper was on the offensive. An agonizing bodyslam to the canvas seemed to release all the hatred he had built for his opponent.

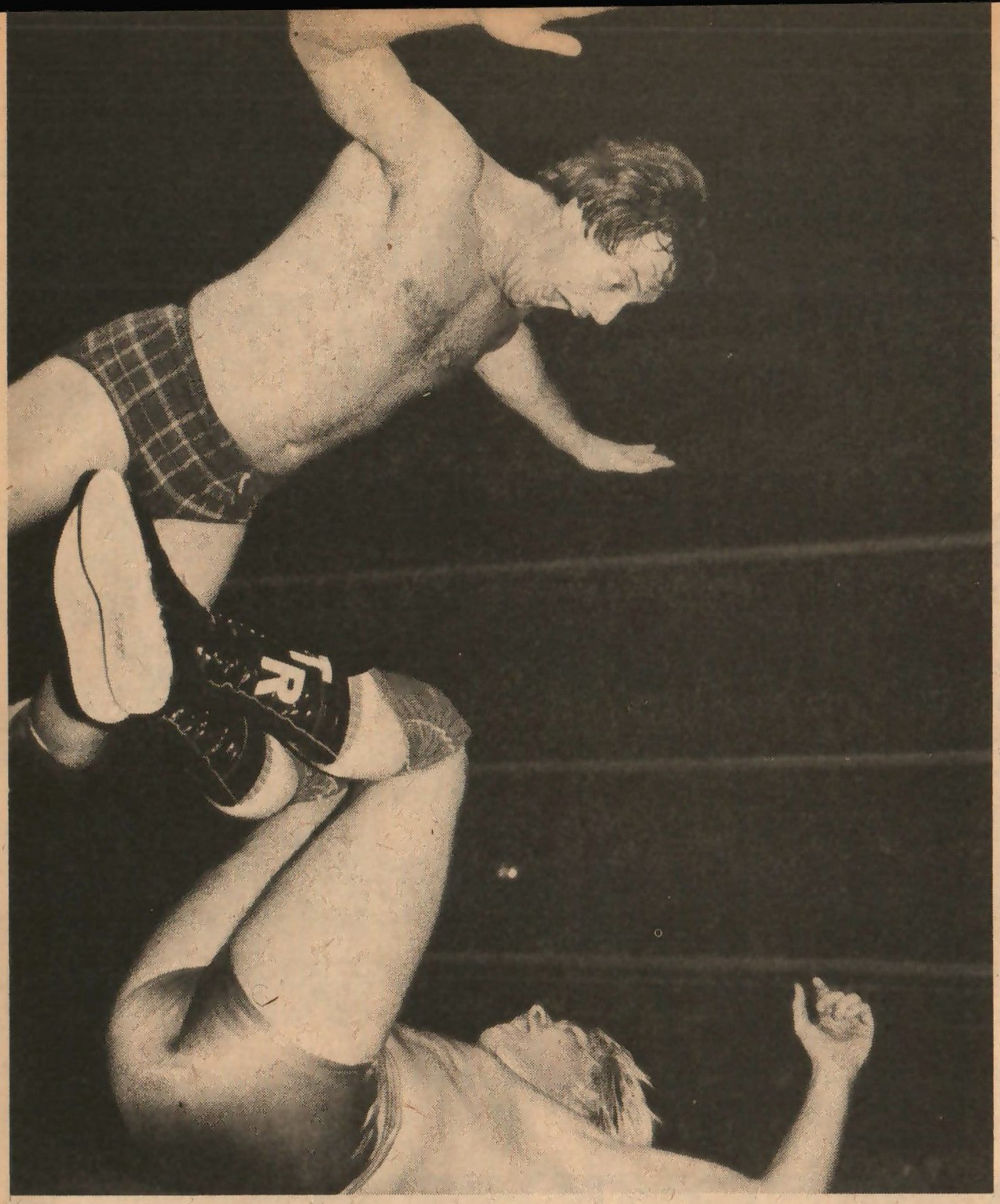
Quick as a panther, Piper followed up his bodyslam with a move that everyone—particularly Tommy Rich—realized was as illegal as bringing a loaded shotgun into the ring: Piper pinned Rich by illegally putting his feet on the second rope for leverage.

The referee counted to three and Piper bounced to his feet with his arms raised in victory and a smug grin across his face. Tommy Rich was angry as hell, and for good reason: The referee had failed to acknowledge a most blatant infraction of the rules and had awarded the victory to Piper through pinfall.

For Roddy Piper's fans, this match was the final nail in the coffin of the Piper-Rich wars. A decisive victory by Piper set to rest all the controversy and debate that continues to

Piper bodyslams Rich (above) to set up the controversial finish. Roddy drapes his feet over the middle rope, shifting his weight forward and forcing Tommy's shoulders to the canvas (below).





A look of fear and shock registers on the face of Piper as he dives forward at Rich only to be greeted by a pair of knees. Piper's passive attitude about this match will only serve to intensify the feud between these two men.

surround these two grapplers.

For all the Tommy Rich fans at the match, this was a gross injustice that could not be tolerated. "This is typical of Piper," screamed one fan, "but he won't get away with it."

He didn't try to. Seconds after Piper had been declared the winner, a conference was held in the ring. Piper, Rich, the referee, and several ringside officials were in on the discussion. Suddenly, Piper broke out of the huddle sporting another smug grin. Rich appeared to remain unhappy, but somewhat satisfied. He certainly wasn't as angered as before.

The ring announcer spoke into the microphone: "The decision has been reversed at the urging of Roddy Piper. The match is being awarded to Tommy Rich!"

A resounding combination of cheers and catcalls filled the arena. Piper strutted around the ring as if he had just won the championship of the world. Rich simply made his way back to his dressing room.

Minutes later, back in his own dressing room, Piper was anxious to speak about the incident.

"Why is everyone surprised at what went on here this evening?" Piper asked the reporters who were assembled for the post-match interview. "Is it really so unusual, is it really so strange, to see that the great R.P. simply stood up and *handed* a victory to Tommy Rich? Why can't you understand that?

"All right, let me explain why I did what I did here tonight," Piper continued, "why R.P. went ahead and just gave the match to Tommy Rich on a silver platter.

"Here's the story," Piper said. "It's all a matter of respect, and I'm sure that you all understand respect. Even though Tommy Rich may *think* he has the respect of fans, he truly doesn't.

"But the great and wonderful R.P. doesn't suffer from any lack of respect, either in or out of the ring," Piper continued, "and it's no skin off my nose whether Tommy Rich wants to take a mark in the win column for a match in which he was totally humiliated anyway! I really don't care, so I'm glad to help the boy along if he thinks that it's going to gain him any respect to score a dubious win over the one and only Roddy Piper.

"The problem is that everyone who was at the match saw with his own eyes what a mess Rich made of the match," Piper said. "But I don't care. If Rich says I cheated, then I cheated, what's the difference? I did a lot more in that match to humiliate Rich than simply pin him with my feet on the rope. Sure, I admit it, why not? I'm not afraid to make my actions known to the public. Everyone saw how outclassed Rich was, and they all know that I didn't need to put my feet on the rope to pin him, either.

"The reason I did that, I'll tell you, was to prove how vulnerable Tommy Rich is to those kinds of maneuvers," Piper contended. "All I'm trying to do is to allow Rich to learn something from his matches with me. Frankly, I can beat him anytime, I don't have to cheat to defeat Tommy Rich. But if that punk kid is too concerned with his won-lost record that he can't learn anything new in any of his matches, I feel sorry for where his career may be headed." □

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

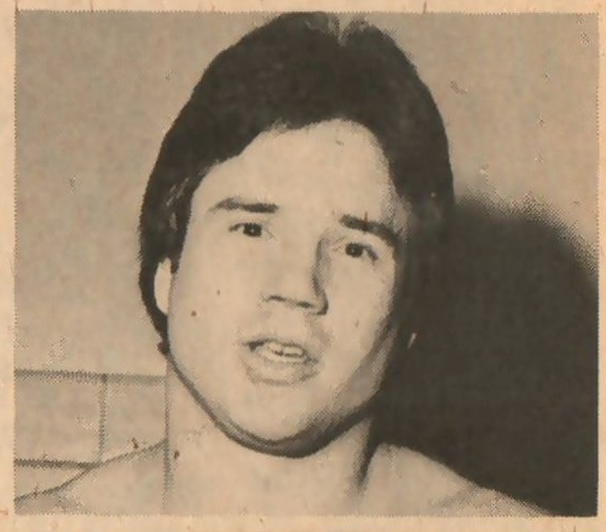
Each day, out of the thousands of letters we receive, hundreds of them are from fans asking the whereabouts of their favorite wrestler. In this special column, we will try to answer the questions you ask the most!

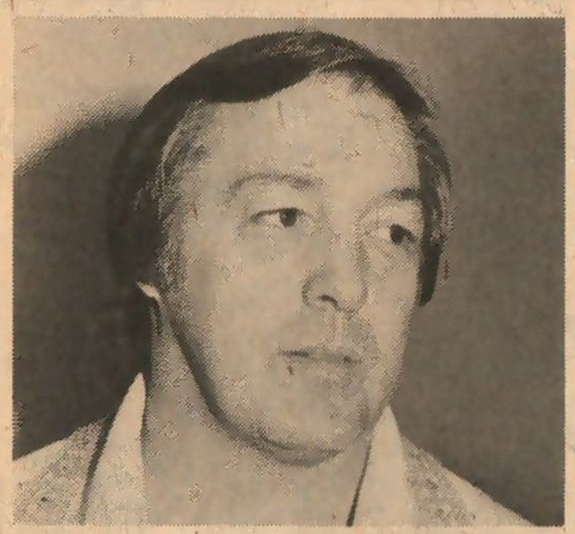
JOHN STUDD

As of press time, John Studd still holds the Georgia tag team championship along with Super Destroyer. Nevertheless, Studd has been spotted in Florida meeting with notorious manager J.J. Dillon. Sources say that Dillon is negotiating to add Studd to his stable of rulebreakers.

STEVE O

This popular wrestler is still recuperating from a severe wrist injury suffered through the brutality of Kabuki. Although he hopes to return to the ring as an active wrestler in the near future, Steve is currently acting as a special referee in the Georgia area until his injury is completely healed.





TIM "MR. WRESTLING" WOODS

Mr. Wrestling is somewhat of an inventor. He has set himself up in a private business and is working on personal research, developing various forms of solar energy projects. "It's fascinating work," says Woods, "and I hope to come up with some significant creations very soon."

SUSAN SEXTON

The former Australian Women's champion is currently living in New York City and pursuing a career in rock 'n' roll. "I have my own band now," says Susan, "and I'm lead vocalist for the group. I love performing on stage, and the world of rock 'n' roll is almost as exciting as wrestling."

Blackjack The Giant Killer:

WILL HE BE THE FIRST TO DEFEAT ANDRE?

THE CRIES OF Andre the Giant still reverberated through the great arena called Madison Square Garden. Half of the 22,000 fans had already left the building, the other half were on their feet in line for the exits.

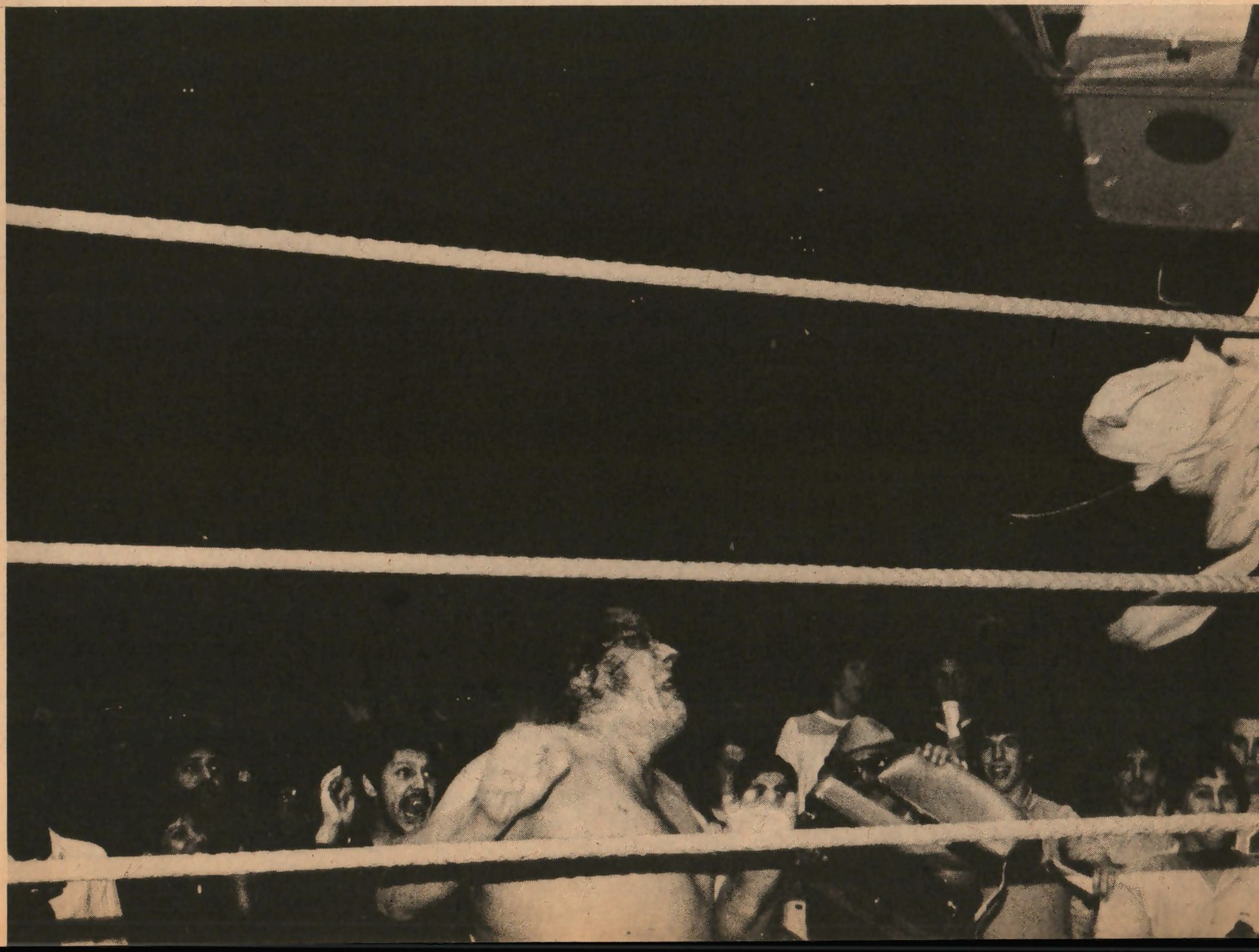
In the ring, however, Andre the Giant was throwing chairs, screaming at the top of his lungs in vain for Blackjack Mulligan to return and face him. Many of the fans on hand simply ignored Andre's tirade as they queued up to the exits. Mulligan was certainly ignoring Andre, and that only served to make the Giant that much angrier.

Back in his dressing room, Mulligan himself sat in silence. There was a malevolent hint of a smile as he stared at his right hand, the one with the infamous black glove. Tonight, that hand sported not only a glove, but several dark red blood stains, the result of a sustained attack on the face of Andre the Giant.

Mulligan pulled the glove tighter onto his hand. He seemed to be relishing the fact that the blood of another man had been spilled this night, particularly since that man had been Mulligan's rival in a bitter feud for many months.

Turning his hand to view the back as well as the palm, Mulligan acted as if he were examining a piece of fine porcelain. He studied every muscle, every digit, every nuance of perhaps the most powerful weapon in all of professional wrestling.

The hint of a smile gave way to a broad, demonic grin. The grin gave way to thunderous laughter. Blackjack Mulligan was pleased with the events of the evening. He

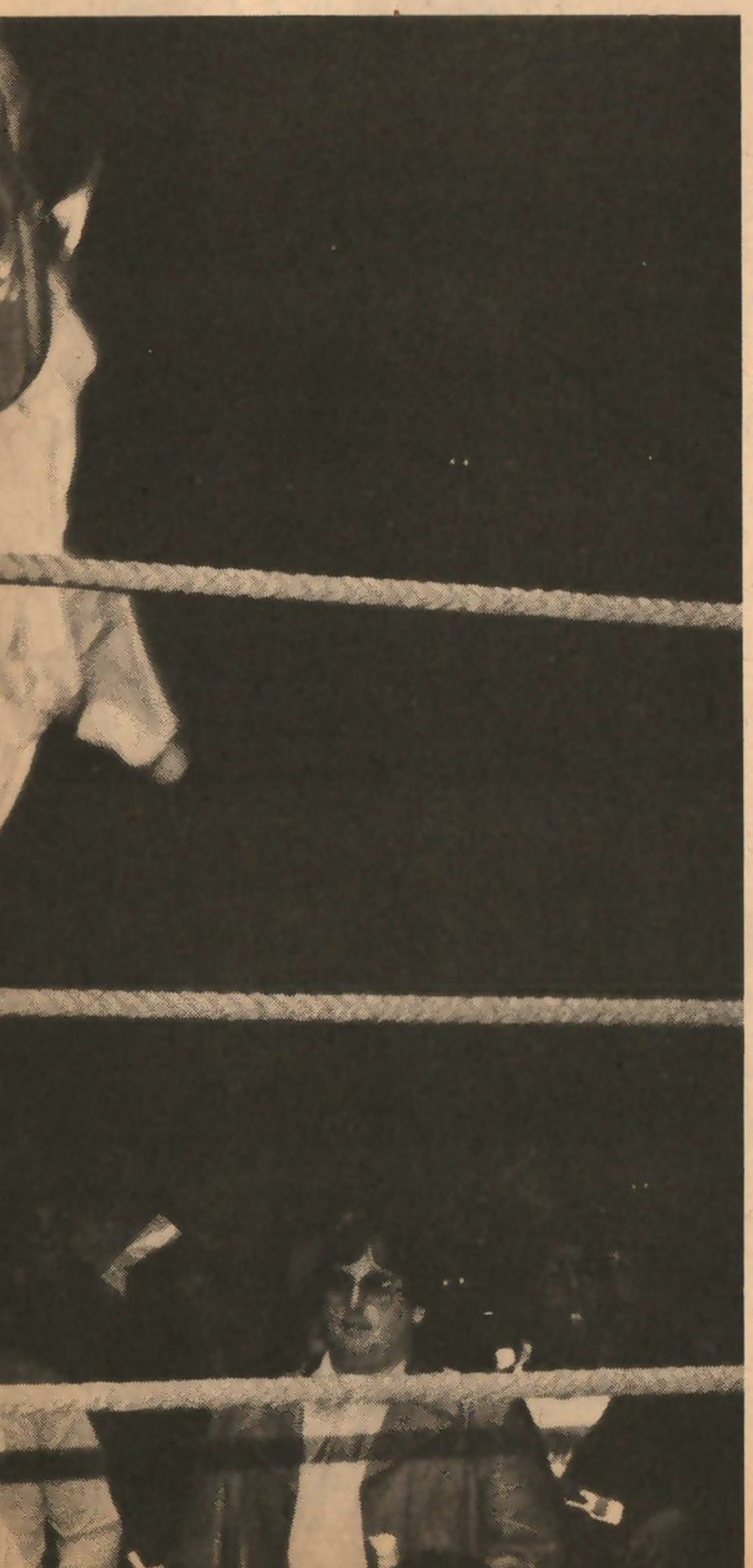


was pleased with himself. Most of all, he was pleased with the fact that he had, to his mind, humiliated the one man who has wrestled literally thousands of opponents over the years and never lost a single match.

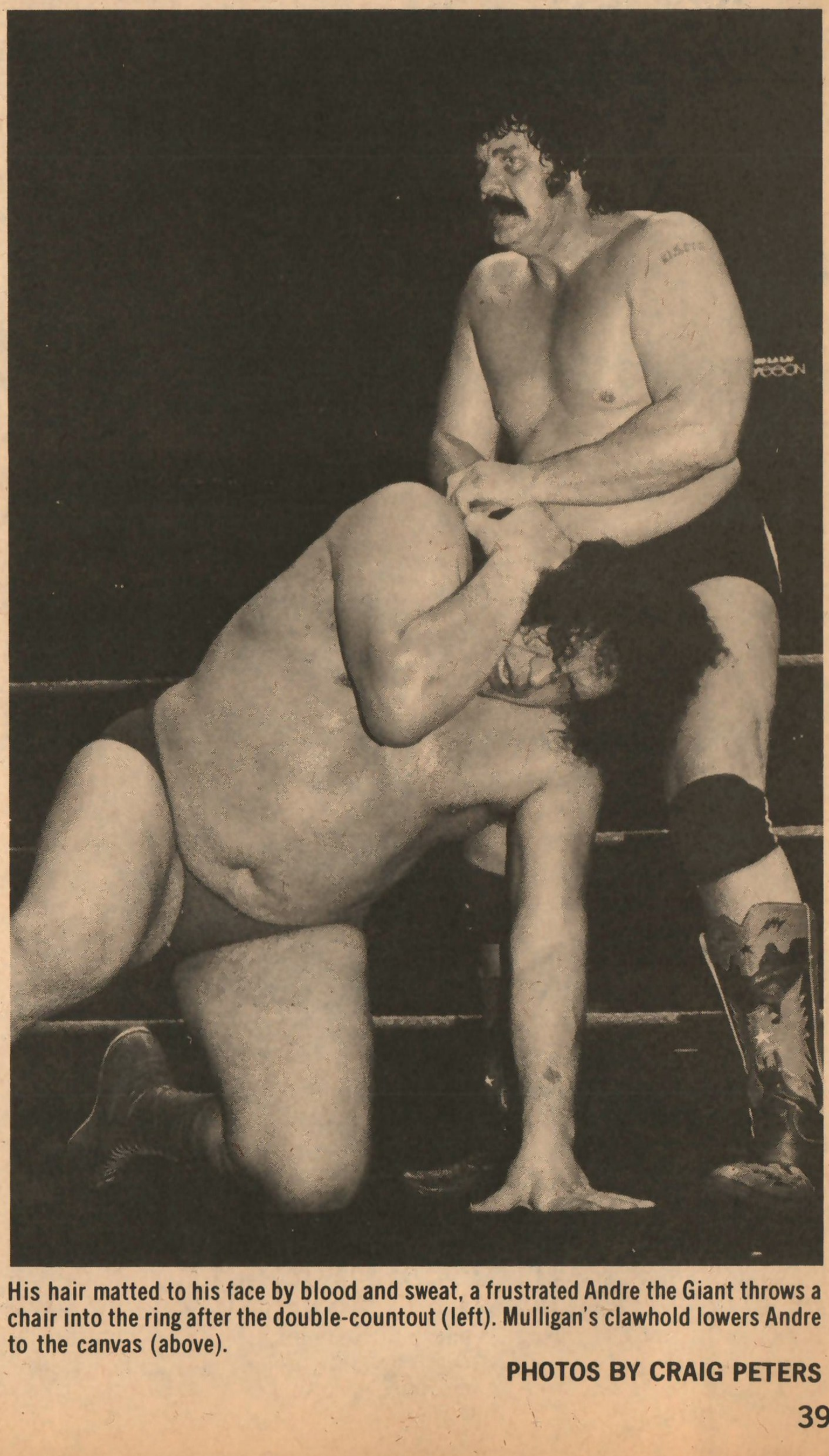
The door of the dressing room opened and Fred Blassie, Blackjack Mulligan's manager, strode into the room. Blassie was also smiling, and the first thing he did was congratulate Mulligan on a job well done.

"Absolutely fantastic, yes sir, Blackjack, you showed that pencil-necked freak what it's all about!" Blassie growled in his distinctively gravelly voice.

Mulligan looked at Blassie and nodded in agreement. "You're right, Fred, that Giant was a complete mess," Blackjack added. "My claw dug into that freak's face and just wouldn't let go. He screamed, boy, I never heard anything like it in my entire life. I've heard men scream out in



The eighth wonder of the world, Andre the Giant, is also the embodiment of a ninth wonder: a spotless wrestling record. Blackjack Mulligan intends to be the first one to hand Andre a loss. He hasn't done so yet, but he's come very close



His hair matted to his face by blood and sweat, a frustrated Andre the Giant throws a chair into the ring after the double-countout (left). Mulligan's clawhold lowers Andre to the canvas (above).

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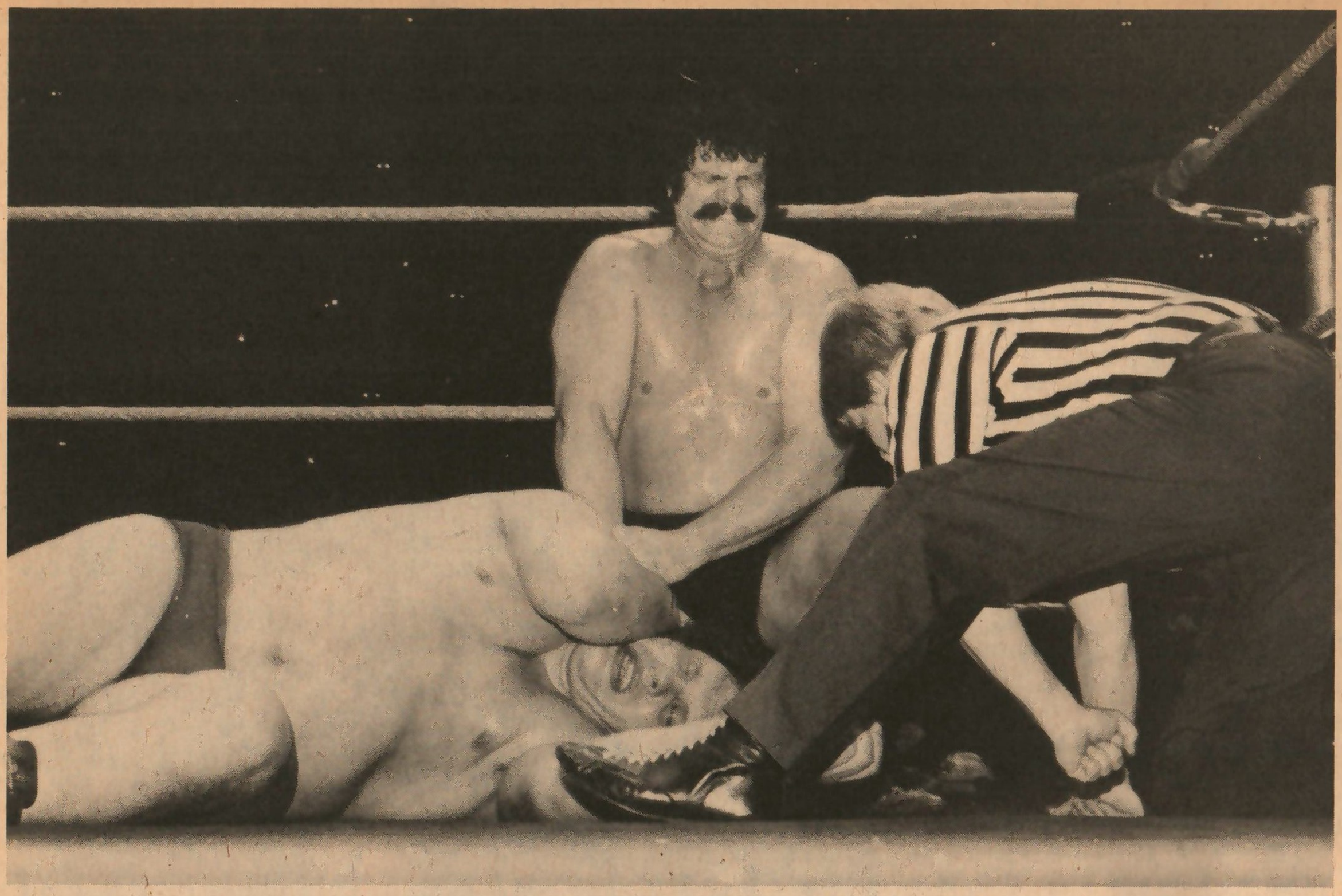

agony, but that Andre's got a pair of lungs on him that no one can match. It's just too bad that his wrestling ability doesn't match his vocal ability . . . too bad for *him,* that is!"

Mulligan tilted back in his chair with satisfaction as Blassie addressed the reporters.

"This man Mulligan, this man-*mountain* Mulligan, is going to be the first one in wrestling to hand Andre the Giant a defeat," Blassie snarled. "He's the meanest, most ruthless man in all of sport. There is room in wrestling for only one giant, and that means that there is room only for Blackjack. This is the man who is going to prove to the world that Andre's unbeaten record is nothing but a giant fluke. That's it: a giant fluke for a giant freak! Hahahaha!"

Just then, Mulligan stood up to speak, his size dwarfing that of his manager.

"I just want to say this," roared Blackjack. "My feud with Andre the Giant is only beginning. What I've been doing to him lately is simply an appetizer to the main course which is yet to come."

Mulligan claws Andre's neck muscles with everything he's got (above). Andre wards off Blackjack's right hand, preventing the application of the dreaded claw (below).

All during Mulligan's speech, Blassie simply stood next to him, smiled in admiration of the master of the claw, and shook his head in consent.

"I saw everything that the freak did tonight," Mulligan continued, "and I saw what a child he truly is, throwing a temper tantrum and tossing chairs all over the place. Andre is nothing but a big baby, and if he doesn't get his way, if he is humiliated in a match or comes too close to losing, he throws a snooty little temper tantrum. Yeah, that's him: Andre the crybaby."

Blassie continued to smile, punctuating Mulligan's remarks with a throaty "Right!" every once in a while.

Mulligan then raised his gloved right hand into the air, the hand that was still strained with the blood of Andre, and spoke in a menacing tone.

"This will decide the feud," said Blackjack, "this will end it all."

A drop of blood dripped from Mulligan's glove onto the dressing room floor, an event which remained unnoticed by most reporters present. But contained within that drop was the sum total of all the hatred that Blackjack Mulligan harbors for Andre the Giant. It was a grim symbol of the nature of a feud that could only get worse before it is settled. □

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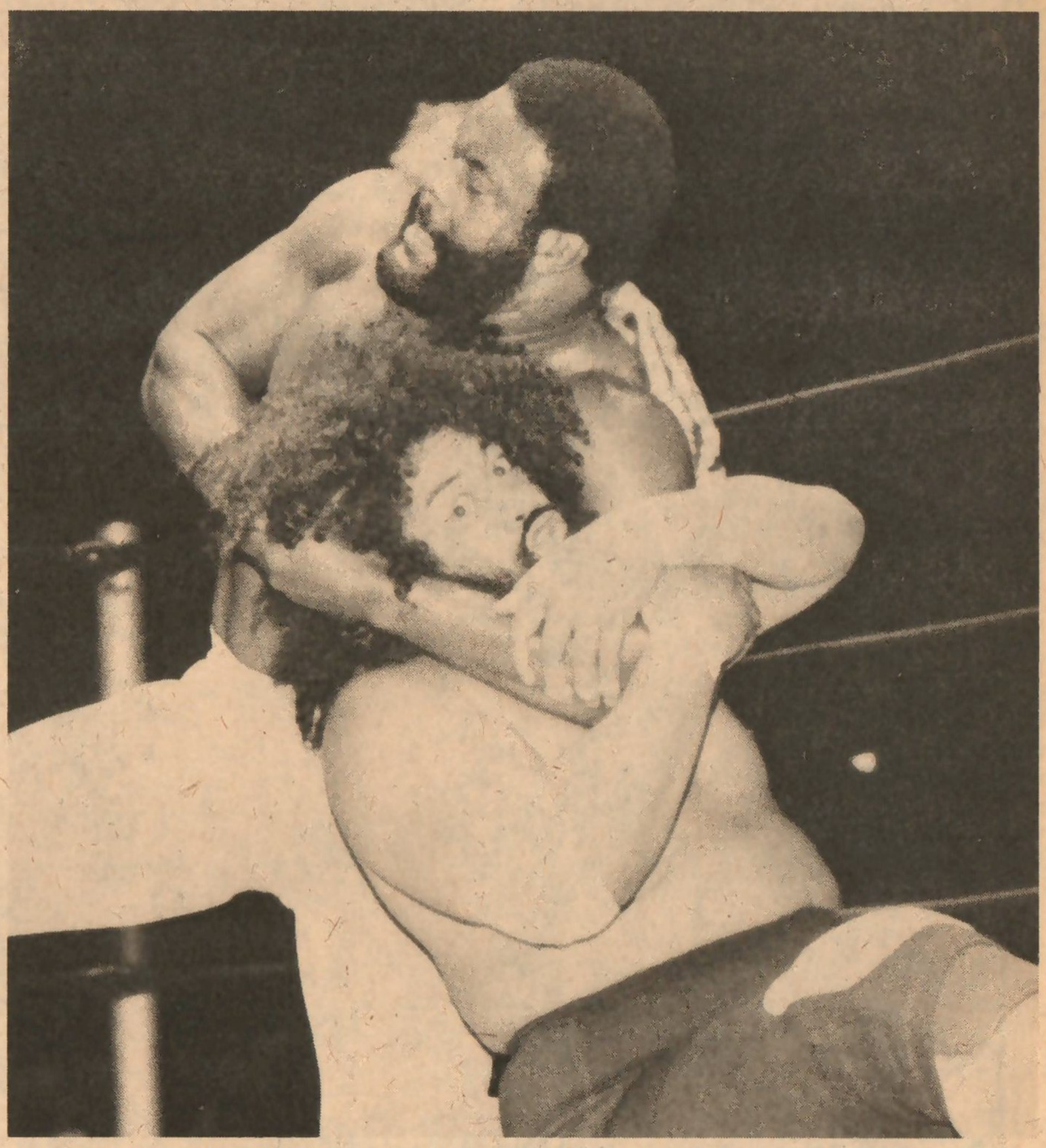

Junkyard Dog gives 100 percent of himself 100 percent of the time, but on this night, the efforts of Dog and partner Mike George are not enough to keep the Mid-South tag team title from the rulebreaking Samoans.

ONE OF THE most admired and respected wrestlers in all of Texas ***("I'm happy that the fans like to come and watch me wrestle, and I hope that I can continue to keep their respect")*** **. . . Also wrestles in Louisiana quite often** ***("There is a lot of competition there that I would never be exposed to if I stayed only in Texas")*** **. . . Recently held the Mid-South tag team title along with Mike George** ***("Mike is a great wrestler, and we really get it together when we wrestle in tag team")*** **. . . Held the belts for three months, before losing to The Samoans** ***("Mike and me will get revenge some day against those hairy freaks, you can believe that!")*** **. . . Was blinded temporarily in 1980 by Michael Hayes and Terry Gordy** ***("I still wrestled, though, nothing is going to keep me out of the ring")*** **. . . Wore goggles in his match against Michael Hayes while still blinded, an act thought by many to be the most courageous thing done by any wrestler at any time** ***("It was my chance to pay him back for what he did to me, and I wasn't about to pass that up, no way, no how!")*** **. . . Still holds reservations about Hayes and Gordy, despite the fact that they've recently reunited and are cheered by the fans** ***("I'm not fully convinced about Hayes' turnaround, but I'll keep an open mind. I can forgive, but it's pretty hard to ever forget")*** **. . . One of his favorite** ***maneuvers in the ring is the headbutt ("I can take my opponent completely by surprise with it and knock the wind out of him at the same time")*** **. . . Has feuded with Paul Orndorff in the past** ***("I can't believe that turkey is the Georgia National champion now!")*** **. . . Is currently after Nick Bockwinkel and the AWA heavyweight title** ***("If I can get me a fair match against that cheat, I think I could take the belt away from him").*** □

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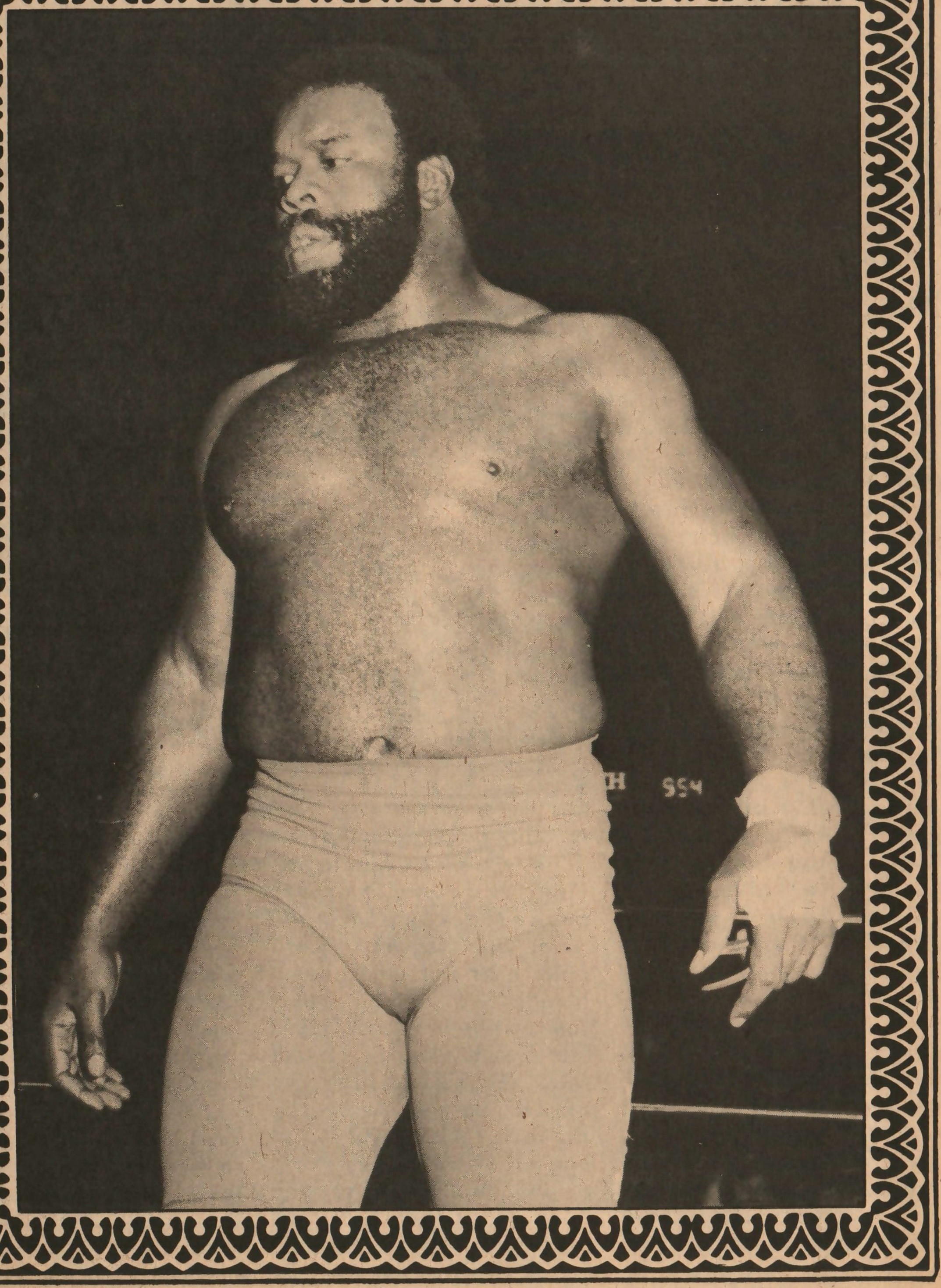

JUNKYARD DOG

PAT PATTERSON— AWA SPY?

By Matt Brock

Referee Pat Patterson tries to halt Nick Bockwinkel's illegal attack on Baron Von Raschke.

UNFORTUNATELY, A LOT of people have the wrong idea about what a spy is.

Philip Marlowe was a spy, although most people never thought of him as anything more than just a gumshoe. Hah! That's a laugh. Marlowe had more brains in his left buttock than Bockwinkel *thinks* he and Heenan have.

J. Edgar Hoover was something of a spy, too. People don't look at him that way, though. When they think of the FBI, they think of Efram Zimbalist Jr. Hoover's too political to deal with here, anyway. I don't like to mix politics and wrestling.

When people think of spies they think of Boris Badenov from *The Bullwinkle Show*, or Bill Cosby and Robert Culp. You would never think of Pat Patterson as a spy, would you?

Well, try it sometime. If the shoe fits, you know, you might as well slip it on.

So that nobody gets bent out of shape, my trusty dictionary defines "spy" as "a person who keeps secret watch on others."

I'm just guessing, of course, but I have a hunch that Pat Patterson may be acting as a spy in the AWA.

Let's consider the evidence: Patterson is committed to a

Why is Pat Patterson leaving the WWF periodically to act as special referee and wrestle in the AWA? Could his actions have any connection to Rick Martel's decision to leave the WWF? Veteran reporter Matt Brock feels he knows the answer to these questions . . . and more

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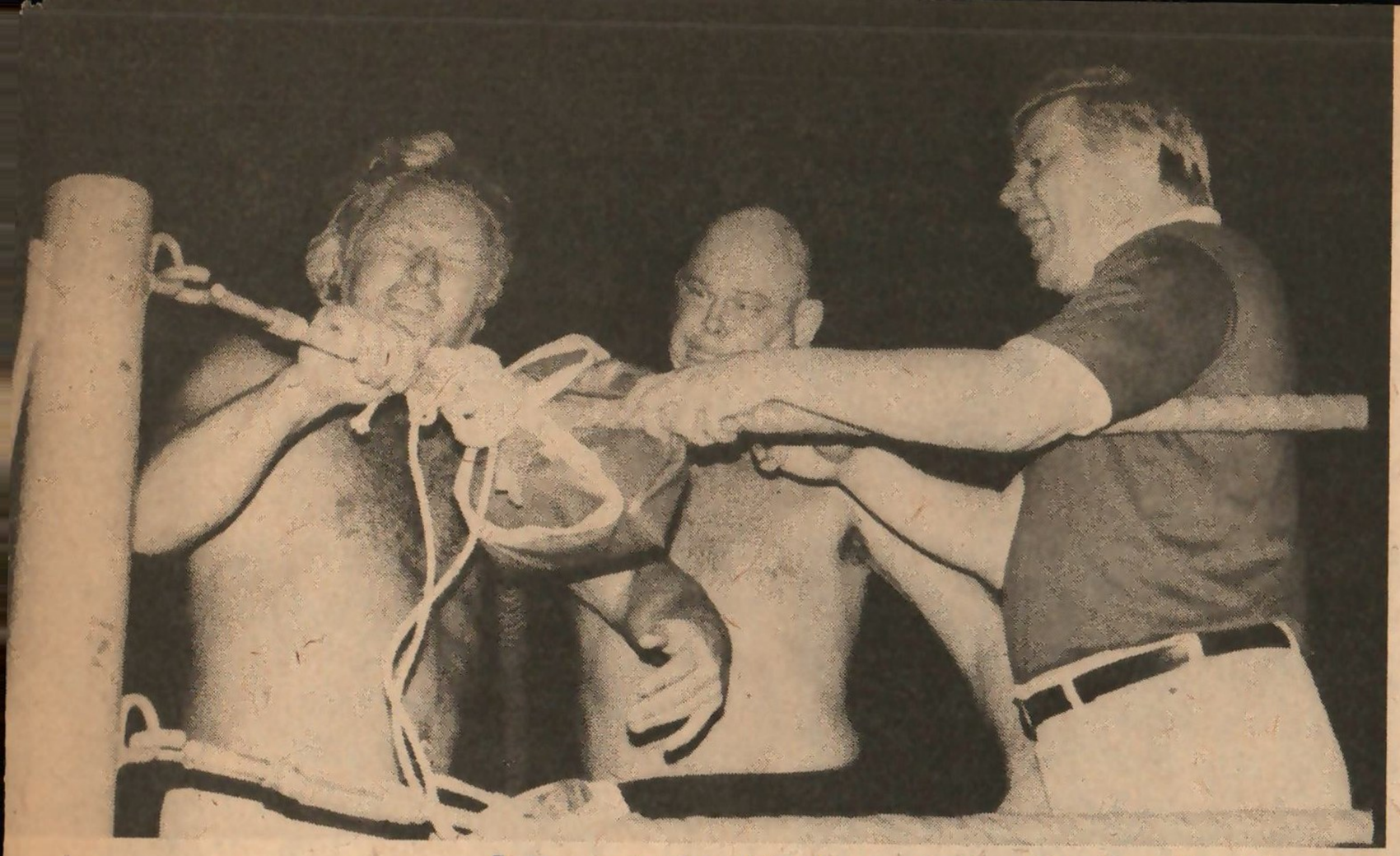
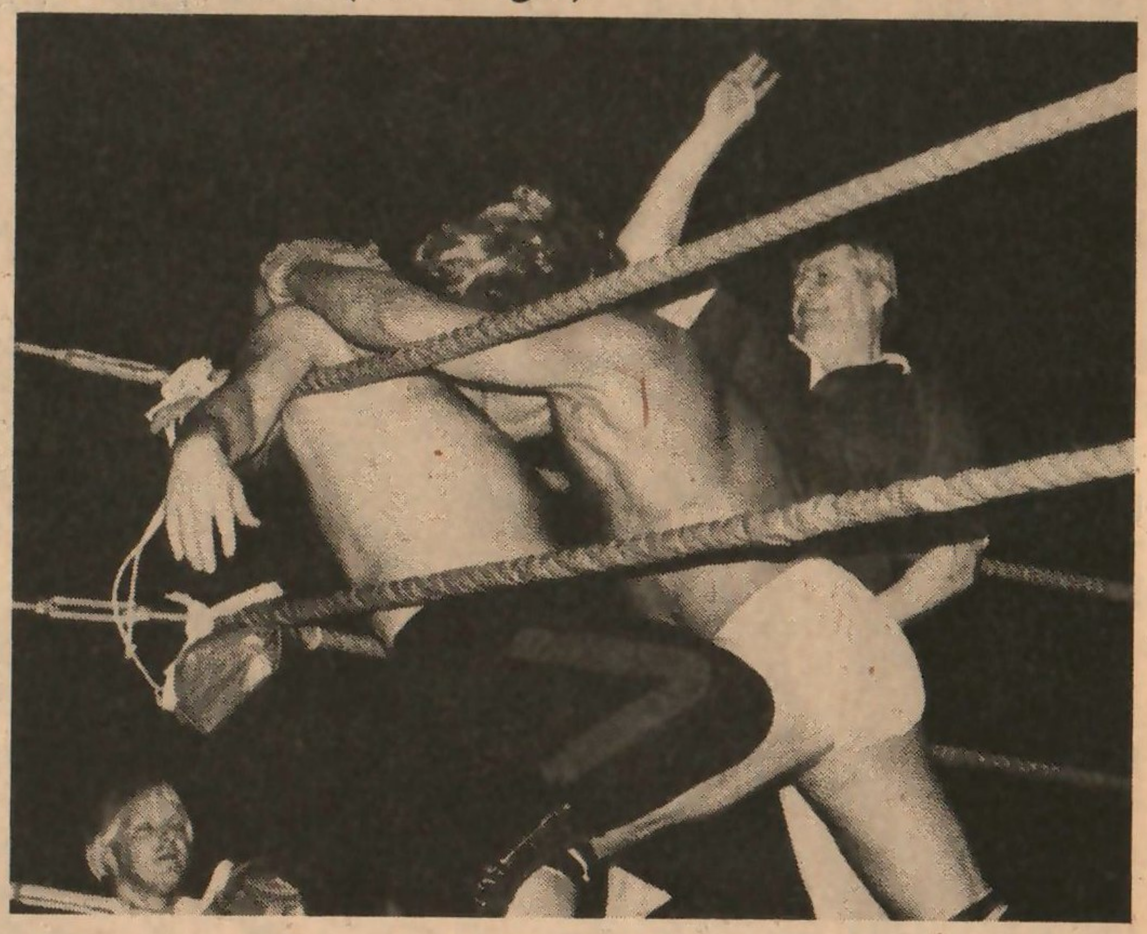


Patterson voices his disapproval as Von Raschke drives Bockwinkel's head into the turnbuckle support (above left). Bockwinkel is warned for choking (above right). Patterson tests the champion's consciousness level as Von Raschke applies the claw (below left). Bockwinkel's illegal tactics draw a three-count (below right).



contract as a television announcer in the WWF. Under normal circumstances, this would be enough to keep him in the WWF . . . unless he has some sort of pressing business elsewhere. After all, why travel to another territory when you ought to be keeping an eye on the very men you're supposed to be analyzing on television? If a championship belt were to change hands while you're out of the territory, what kind of a spot would that place you in as far as your professional announcing obligations are concerned?

Yet Patterson travels to the AWA and acts as special referee in various matches, most notable of late being a contest between AWA champion Nick Bockwinkel and Baron Von Raschke. More than that, Patterson teams up with Ray Stevens on occasion, a tag team combination that has already found a comfortable place in wrestling history and the record books of the AWA.

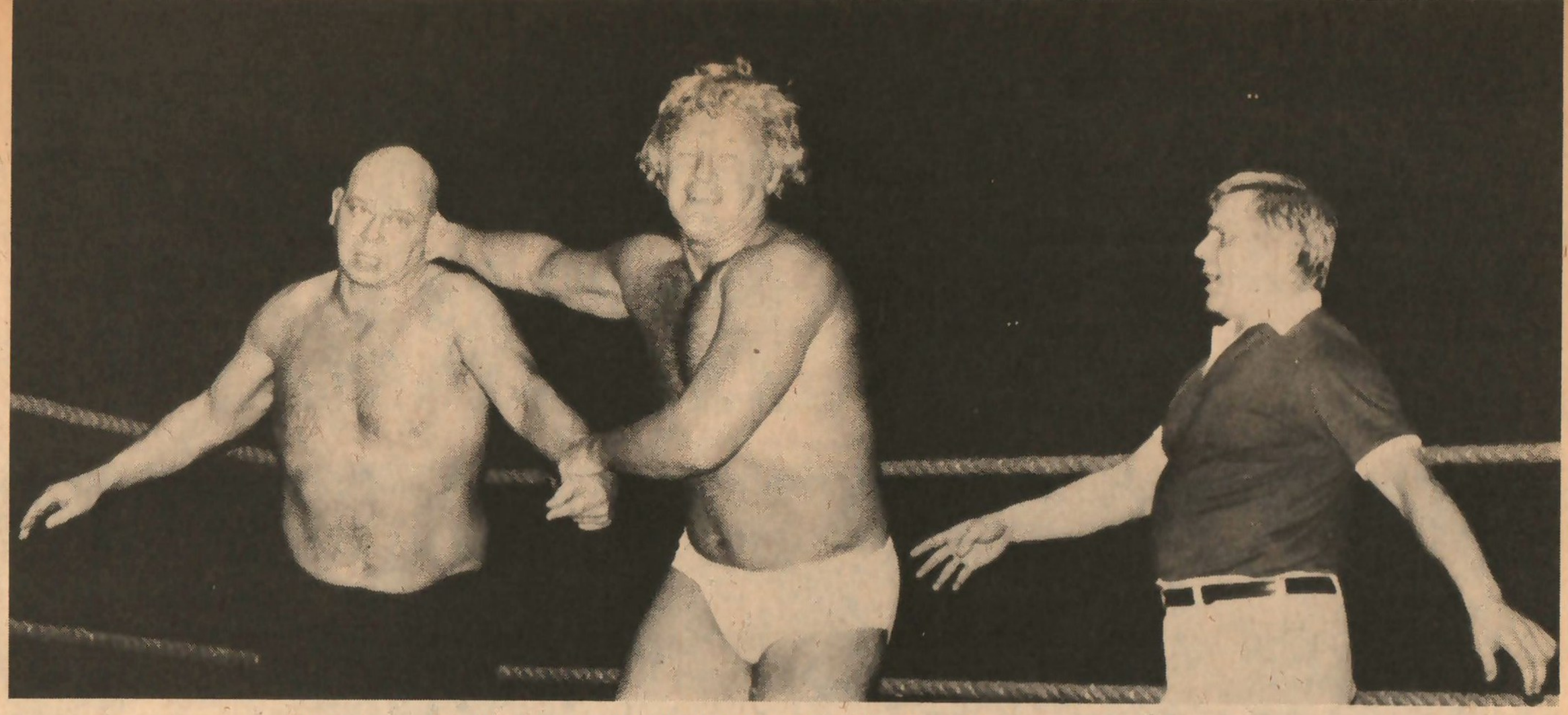
Of course, Pat isn't above taking matters into his own hands, as that very match between Bockwinkel and Von Raschke demonstrates. There's no substitute for direct contact in gauging the skills of another athlete.

But there was something else about Patterson's recent actions that continued to gnaw at my gut. He began his little detours into the AWA at almost the exact time that Rick Martel announced that he was leaving the WWF and making the move to the AWA in an effort to claim Bockwinkel's title.

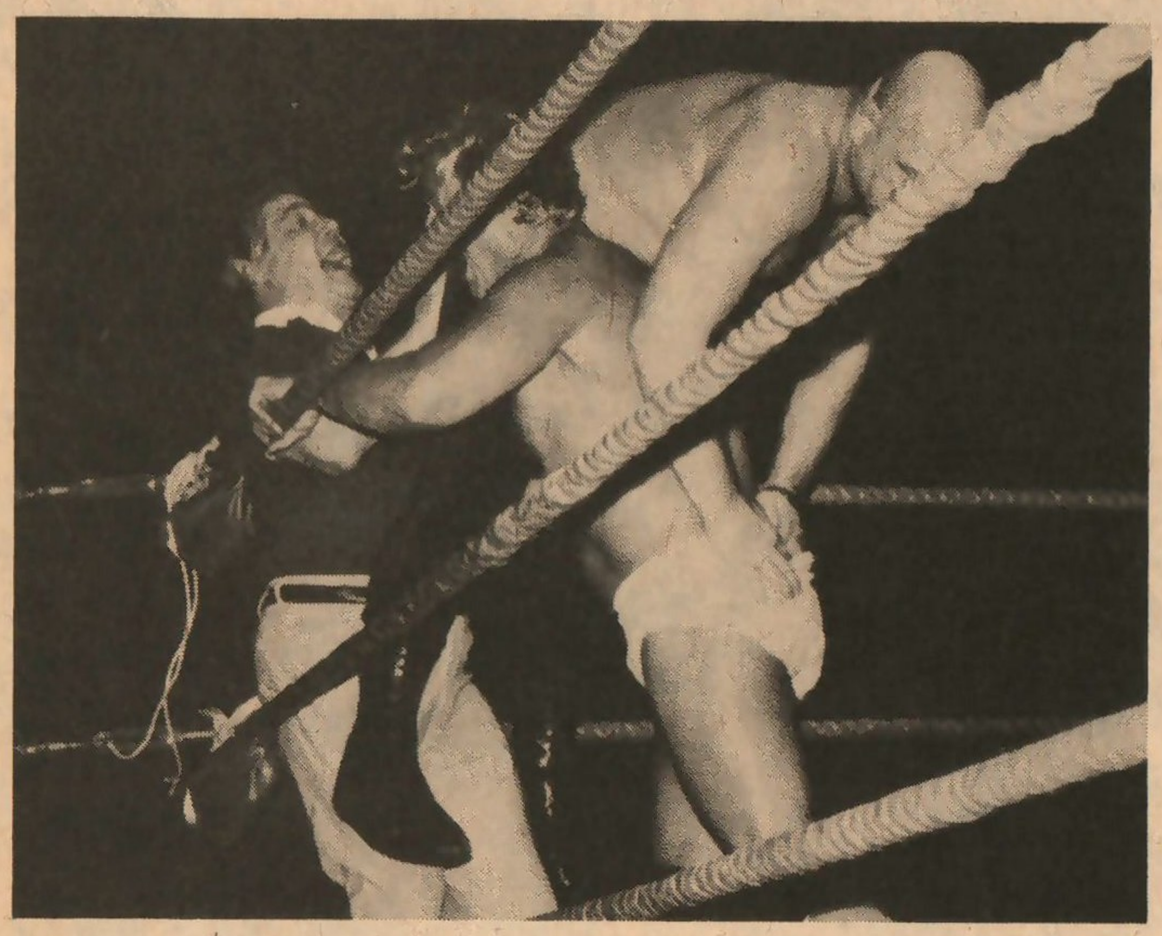
Add to this the fact that Martel has had other people analyzing AWA action for him, most notably Tito Santana (you can read Santana's message to Rick Martel in the October issue of *The Wrestler.)*

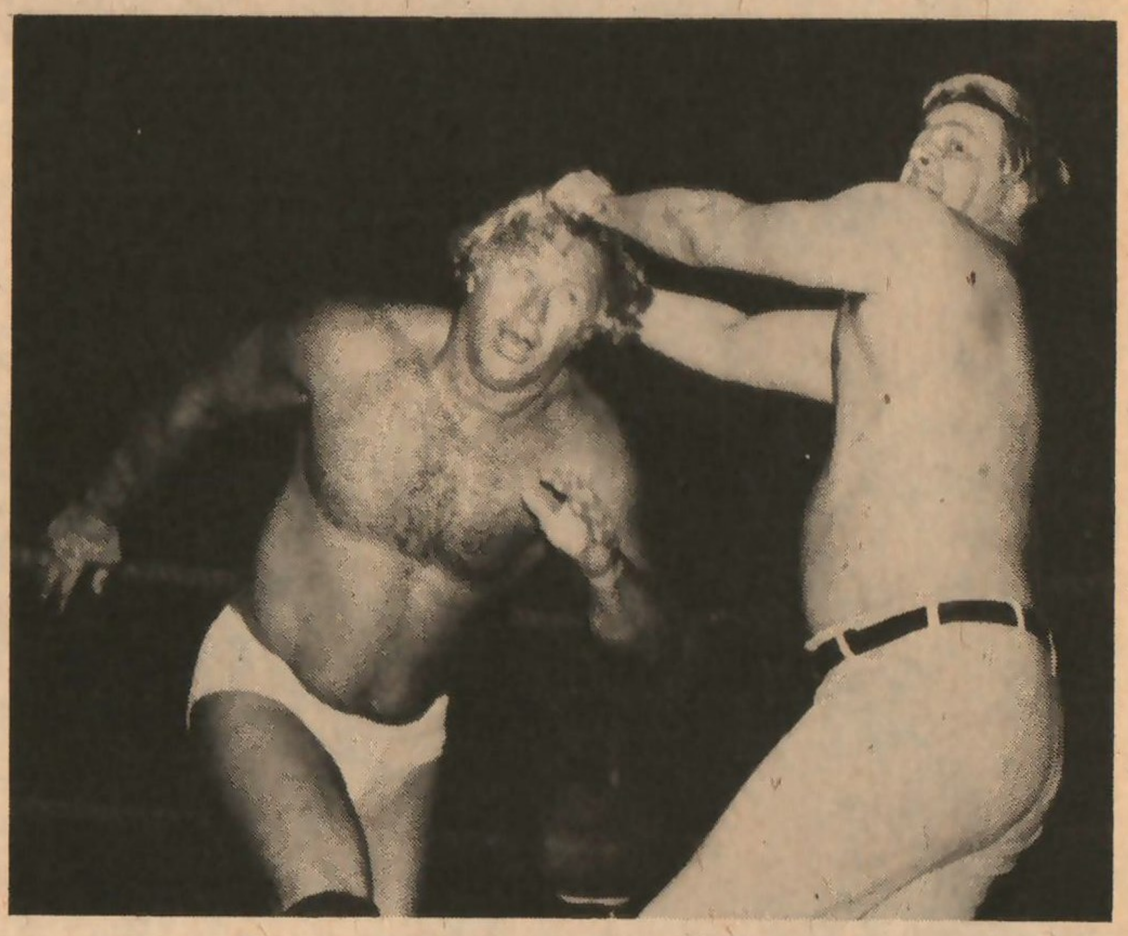
I may not have scored all A's in math in school, but Einstein flunked algebra, so I feel fairly confident at saying that all of the above adds up to this: Pat Patterson is acting as a spy for Rick Martel in the AWA.

Okay, so call me insane. Go



Patterson stands clear as Bockwinkel whips Von Raschke across the ring (above). Bockwinkel deliberately dumps his challenger into the corner where Patterson is standing (below left), prompting Pat to remove his shirt and retaliate (below right).





ahead. There, don't you feel better? But I still maintain that Patterson is there for the reason I just outlined.

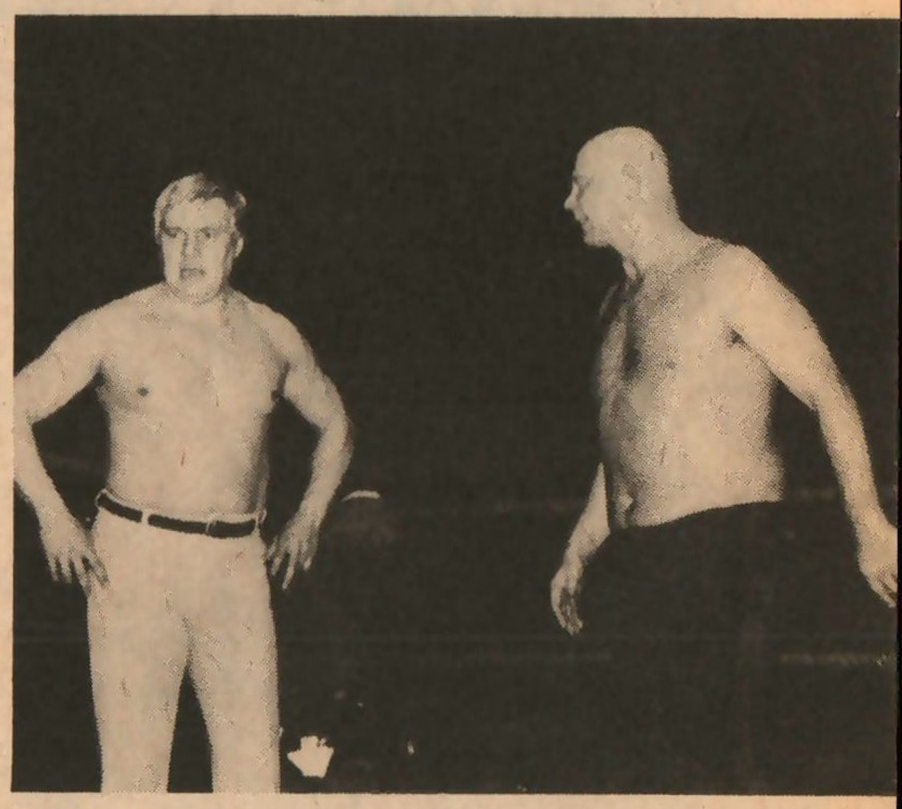
Look, who better than a former tag team champion of the association, a man who, along with partner Ray Stevens, was considered to be one of the very best tag team champions the AWA ever had . . . who better than Patterson to assess for Martel the current status of Bockwinkel and everyone else in the pecking order to his title?

After all, it is well known that Martel and Patterson have long been close friends, and that Patterson offered his help in any way he could to Martel once Rick said that he was leaving the WWF in favor of the AWA.

With Patterson's experience in both WWF and AWA territories, the connection is almost too obvious to see. A real "forest for the trees" situation.

Me? Well, I couldn't care less what Patterson does. I don't want to make any value judgments in this situation, and frankly, I don't think any value judgments are even necessary. Patterson offered his help, Martel accepted, and that's that. Of course, I'm not saying that this is all gospel truth, but it does seem logical, doesn't it?

I just find it to be yet another fascinating example of the fact that there is so much more to the sport of wrestling than the actual ring confrontation. Far more than most fans can ever imagine. □



After unexpectedly getting into a tussle with the AWA champion, Patterson has to wonder whether the trip to the AWA was worthwhile.

MAGNIFICENT MURACO:

Wrestling fans across the country were understandably confused when Magnificent Muraco appeared as a tag team partner of Wahoo McDaniel. Yet when Muraco turned on Wahoo, and renounced his attempt at scientific wrestling, everyone knew that he hadn't changed a bit

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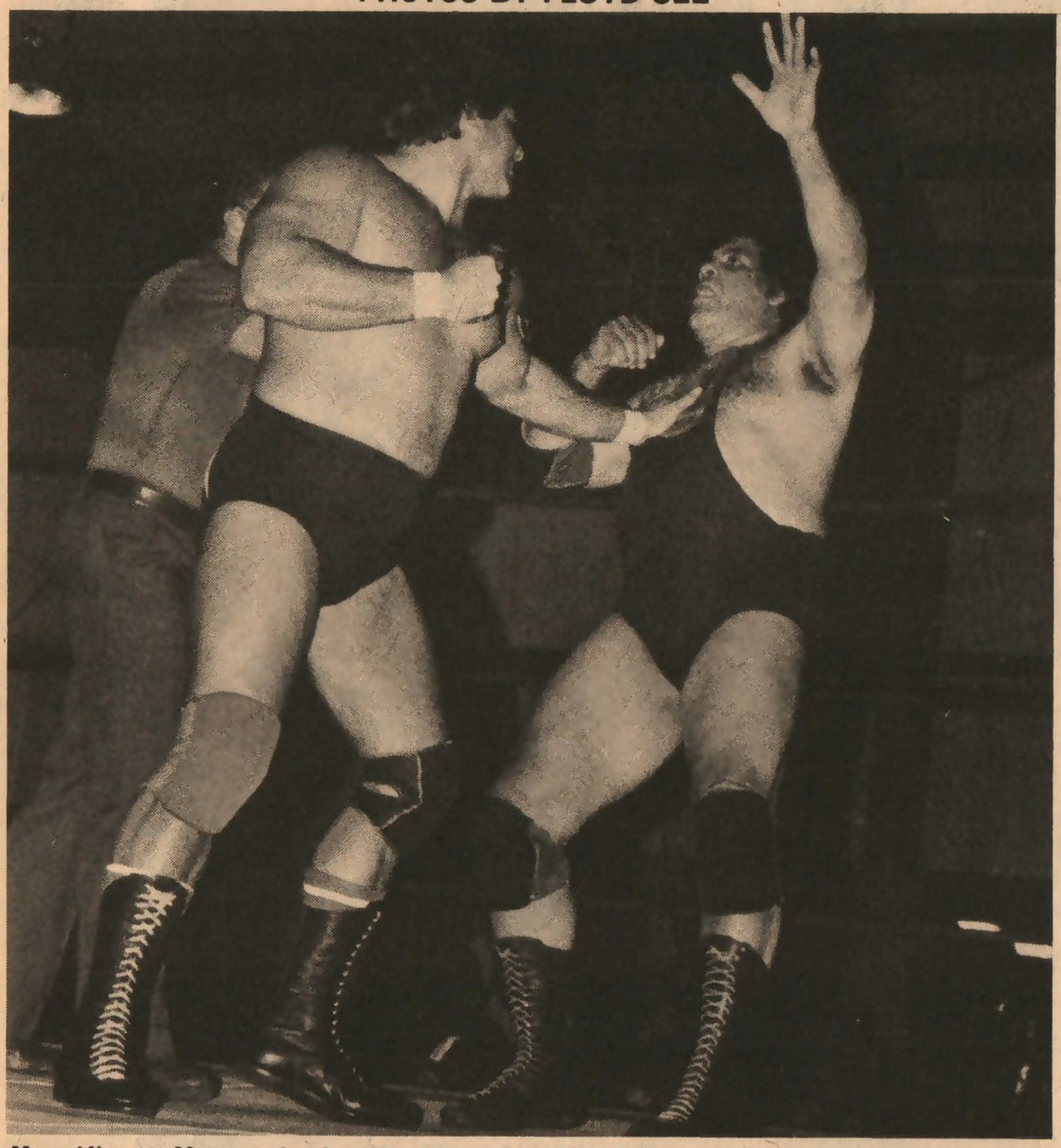

Magnificent Muraco backs King Kong Mosca against the ropes and threatens to unleash his right fist (above). Blatantly breaking the rules (opposite page), Muraco seems at ease and confident.

BORN TO BE DIRTY

SOME FANS CALLED it the battle of the WWF outcasts. Others maintained that this would be the match to prove whether Magnificent Muraco has what it takes to be a scientific wrestler. And there were more than a few fans who were there to see Muraco wrestle within the confines of the rulebook's covers, a place where he's spent little time during his career.

No matter which of the above views fans in Fishersville, Virginia, subscribed to, they were certainly not disappointed recently as Magnificent Muraco waged war against King Kong Mosca in front of a sellout, standing room only crowd.

Fishersville, Virginia, was a strange locale for these two men to wrestle in. Not much more than a year ago, Mosca was offering WWF champion Bob Backlund a challenge to his title that remains second in brutality only to the current bombardment by Superfly Jimmy Snuka.

Magnificent Muraco, who wrestled in the WWF at roughly the same time as Mosca, defeated Pedro Morales for the Intercontinental title, holding that honor for several months before losing it back to Morales.

After losing the Intercontinental title, Muraco returned to his native Hawaii to rest on the beach, wrestle occasionally, and think about his future. He returned to the squared circle as tag team partner to Wahoo McDaniel, and the duo captured the western half of the NWA tag

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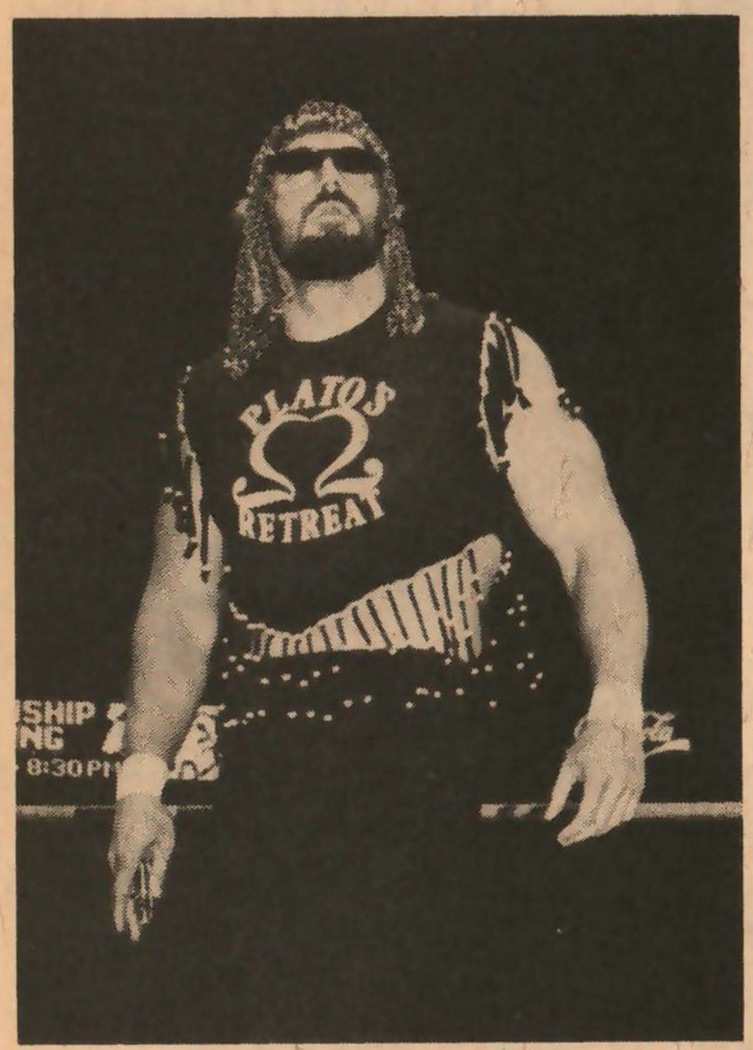

JESSE VENTURA

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(One of the most successful tag team combinations in recent years has been the duo of Adrian Adonis and Jesse Ventura, the East-West Connection. Although the former AWA tag team champions did not receive an opportunity to wrestle for the WWF tag team belts, they proved to be one of the major stumbling blocks in the path of any team wishing to become the number-one contenders. And, wrestling as individuals, each provided WWF champion Bob Backlund with some of the stiffest challenges of his lengthy title reign. Recently, without warning, Ventura left the WWF to wrestle in Japan. Adonis was shocked by his partner's decision and made his feelings known to the press. We invited both halves of the East-West Connection to air their grievances, long distance, one on one.)

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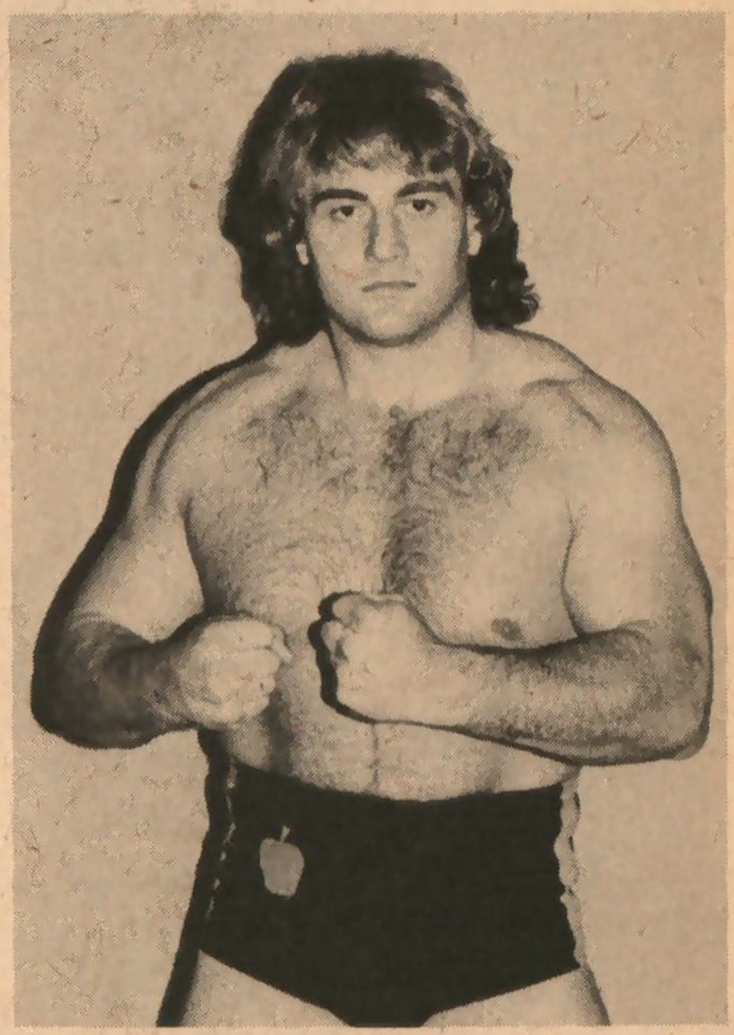


ADRIAN ADONIS

ADRIAN ADONIS:
I can't believe that you just up and left like that, without even telling anybody.

JESSE VENTURA:
What do you mean not even telling anybody? The press knew all about it, and you sure must have seen it coming for a long time.

AA: Yeah, you better believe the press knew about it. That's where I found out that you were in Japan. Is that any way to treat a tag team partner you've been friends with for years, that you've been championship title-holders with?

JV: Look how upset you are, Adrian, I've never seen you like this.

AA: Hell yes, I'm upset, I think it's a pretty lowdown thing you did to just turn your back on a successful tag team and leave without a word.

JV: I didn't just turn my back. This has been coming for a while, and you knew damn well all about it. I told you all about how I wanted a change of pace, how we *needed* a change of pace.

AA: Sure, you said things, but how the hell am I supposed to know that you're talking about leaving the country? I thought you meant that we needed extra training, that we had to develop our tag team styles a little bit further.

JV: Things were getting stale, Adrian. We're both the same kind of person, and that's why we worked so well as a tag team. That's a main reason why we became champs over in the AWA. But because we're so similar,

that's why we had to get away from each other. I'm sorry, but I thought you realized that. I know you too well, and I knew that if I told you outright that I was leaving to go to Japan, that you might take it the wrong way. At least now we have a chance to talk it over, to let me explain things a little more.

AA: But even down to our last match, against the Indians [Jules and Jay Strongbow], we were a team, we were solid, we were fabulous!

JV: That's right, and we'll always be that way, whether we wrestle together in tag team or apart in solo matches.

AA: But how could you just up and leave without a word?

JV: Look, all the details were worked out months before we even stepped into the ring against Jules and Jay. I know you, I know that if I told you about my plans that you would have tried to talk me out of it, to stay in the WWF and wait for a title match. I also know that if it came to that, I might give in, I might turn around and say, "Yes, I'll stay in the WWF and we'll show all those fool fans who is boss," and we probably would have done it, too. But there were other considerations. Like I said, even though we were a fabulous team, too much of a good thing is not good, and too much of a great thing isn't good either. We were great, but like I said before, it was getting stale. I needed new competition, new opponents, and the best place for that is Japan, no question.

AA: Sure, I guess I understand that.

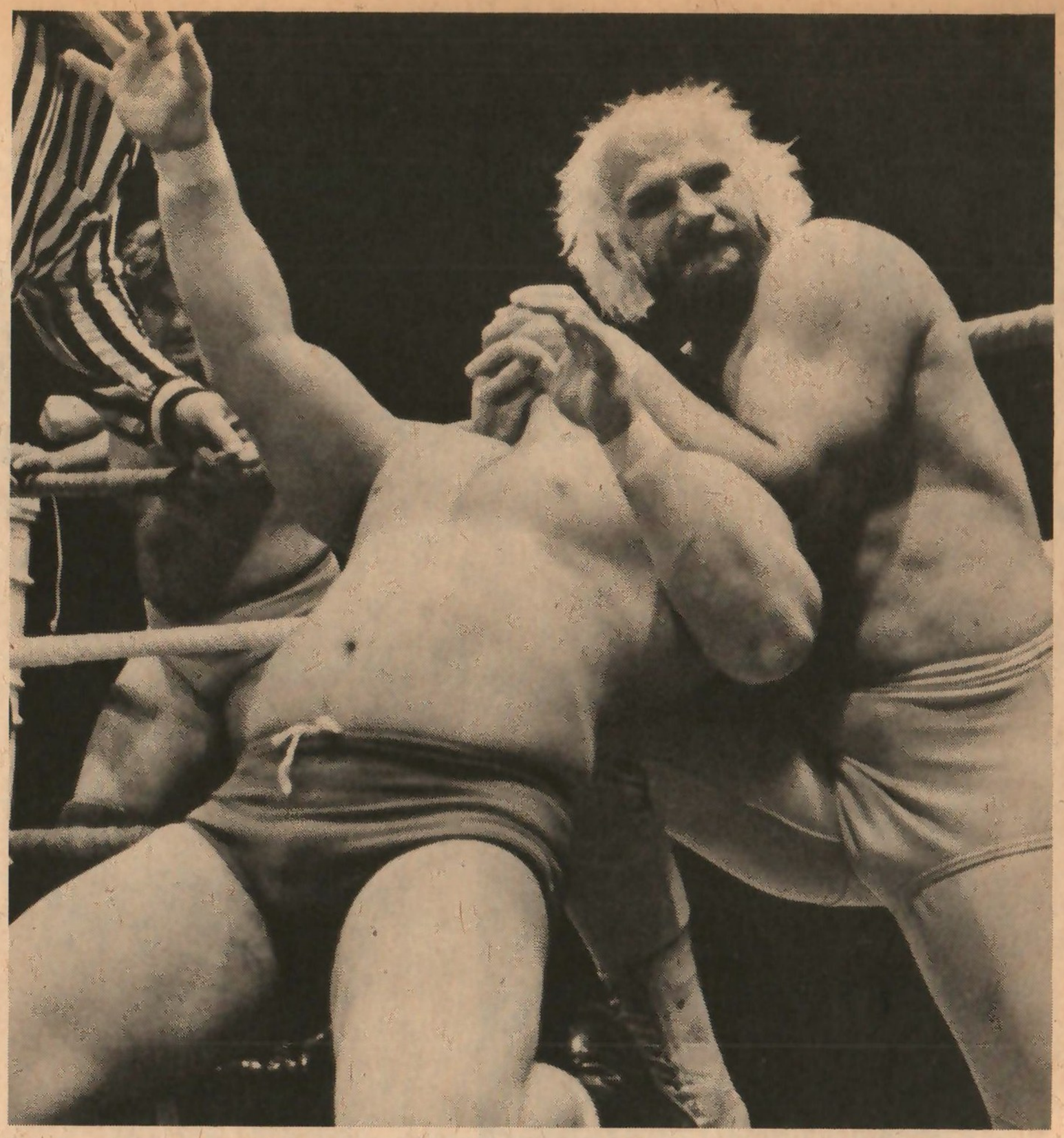
JV: I'm glad you do, because this is something I just have to do.

AA: I guess what bothered me the most was the fact that I had to read about you leaving from a magazine, and not having heard anything from your own mouth until now. After so many years and so many matches together, I felt that you were turning your back on me, and that's not something you want to see someone you consider one of your best friends in the world do. But I think I understand things a little better now, and I'm glad we talked like this.

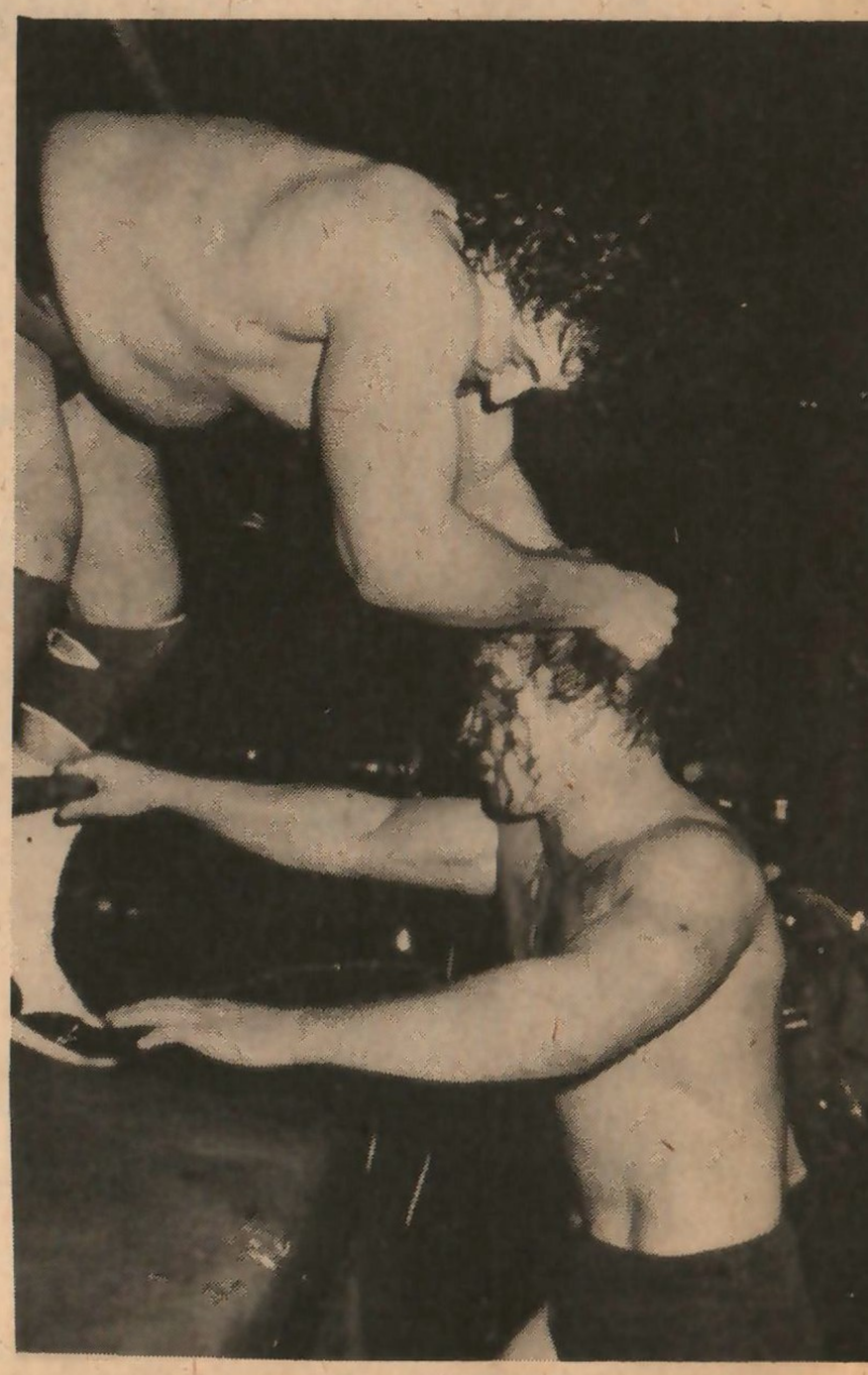
JV: Look, it's not like death or anything, there's nothing that says we won't get back together someday, sometime, and take the East-West Connection to the title again.

AA: You said it, because it can be done.

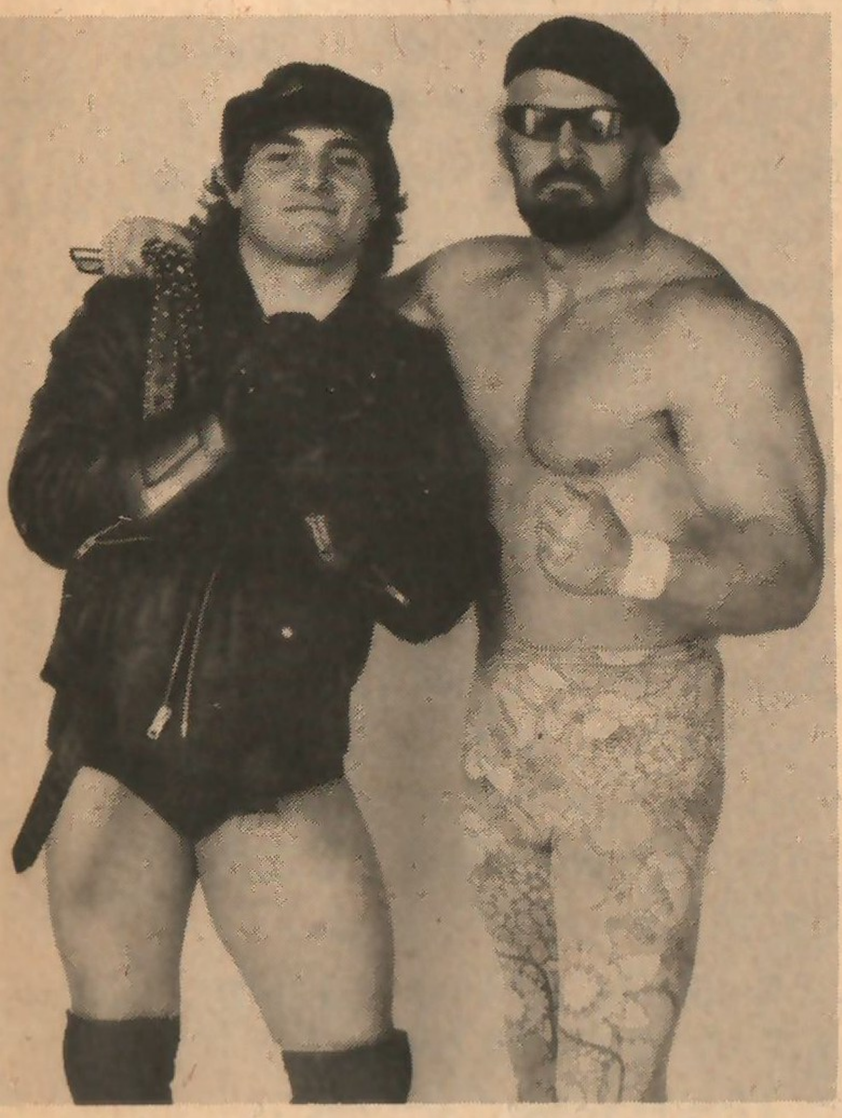
JV: That's right. And in the meantime, this will free you to go after that wimp Backlund.



Ventura punishes his opponent as Adonis offers encouragement from the corner (above). With only a solo career to concern himself with, Adonis is expected to make another strong play for Bob Backlund's WWF title (below). Will Adonis and Ventura (opposite page) ever be the "East-West Connection" again? At the moment, nobody knows for sure.



Before, you were split in what you had to do. You were wrestling solo and trying for Backlund's belt, and we were wrestling tag team, and going for the tag team belts. You can't divide your efforts like that and expect to be successful in either one. Now you



can go full throttle and get that idiot Backlund the hell out of the title spot.

AA: I suppose you're right. Hell, I want that WWF belt so bad I can taste it, but it's still not going to be the same without the East-West Connection on the scene.

JV: It's not going to be the same, but change is good. Besides, you always wanted to beat the hell out of Backlund. You'll do it, Adrian, I really think so.

AA: Well, I'm going to give that wimp hell, I guarantee you that. Look, Jesse, I'm glad we had this talk. I want to wish you luck in Japan, and I damn well better hear about you taking a major title over there!

JV: No doubt, Adrian, no doubt. Sorry about the misunderstanding, but I'm glad we had this chance to work it out. Give 'em hell, Irene! □

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No one will remember Bruno Sammartino, but history will cherish the contributions of Super Destroyer.

When The Freebirds burst like a comet onto the wrestling scene, some of us hoped this team would be among the immortals. Visionaries of the highest order, they redesigned tag team wrestling in their own image. Infuriating the fans and the commissioners alike, they became champions due to their indomitable will and superb strategies. This fabulous trio—the much missed Buddy Roberts was the third—were magnificent athletes driven by a spirit the rest of us can only admire. But the strength of their vision proved no match for power of the mob.

First Hayes collapsed under the onslaught of negative public ignorance. Unable to stand up to the relentless criticism, he publicly apologized to all for being better than they could comprehend. He promised never again to offend the fans' moronic sensibilities, and he'd be a good boy from that day forward. It was one of the saddest sights of a man selling out his spirit in sports history. The two remaining Freebirds tried to keep the team together, but they were an entity that couldn't survive the loss of a member. The death of The Freebirds Inc. was one of the blackest days in wrestling history. Fans of our time have much to answer for, but history will condemn them most harshly for destroying The Fabulous Freebirds.

Still, Gordy tried to keep some vestige of the vision alive. He withstood some of the grossest insults any wrestler has had to hear.

He watched his best friend lead these sleazy chants. He found himself hated, friendless, and mourning for a team that can never again be. Others tried to team with him, help him, but no man who has been unique can settle for only greatness. Gordy had to realize the genius of The Freebirds was dead.

There was nothing left to do but go for the money and the easy way out. It is sad to think he says he joined Hayes because he didn't want to see his former friend humiliated. He was defending the integrity and dignity of a man who used to goad the crowd into shouting at Gordy the insult "Baby Huey." If there was ever a man undeserving of having his dignity protected by Gordy, Hayes is that man. Still, Gordy saw a way out of his sorrow and took it. Who can blame him? Certainly not I, as sad his surrender makes me.

Wrestling has lost someone special to the crowd. May he be rewarded in his time so that he in the end won't hate himself too much for failing history. ☐

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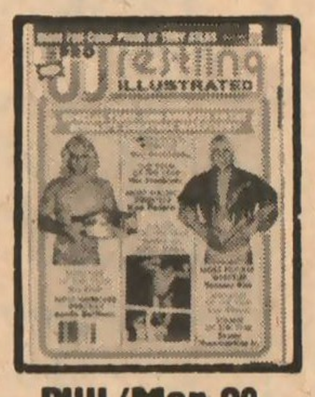

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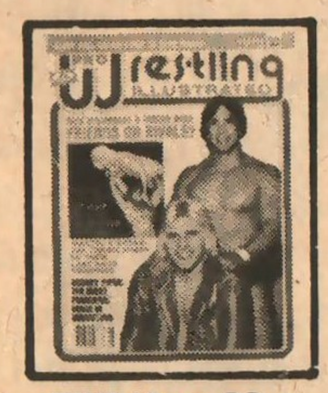

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Tito Santana challenges Nick Bockwinkel to do battle (above), but the AWA champion has other plans. Moments later he would strike the referee, thus allowing Santana the victory (opposite right), but maintaining his championship. Bockwinkel frequently hides behind the controversial "disqualification rule."

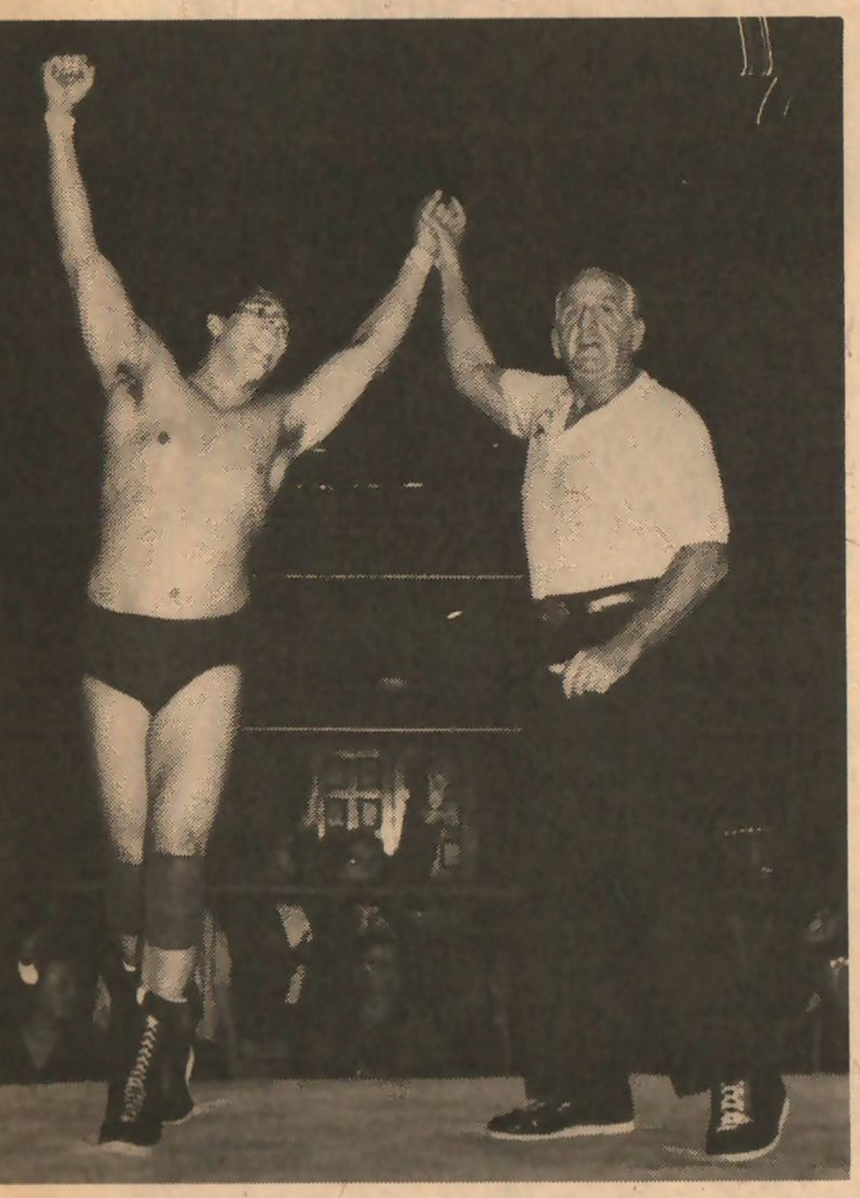
written into the book a long, long time ago. The reason for the rule is simple. Allowing championships to change hands on disqualification puts too much importance on the discretion of the referee. Most referees are capable of deciding when a wrestler should be disqualified. But a referee is only human, and he is apt to make mistakes. A mistake by an official should not be the reason a champion loses his title.

Furthermore, should the champion lose his title on a discretionary call by a referee, that official could be accused of partiality toward the challenger. The ramifications of such an accusation could have severe effects on the official and the sport of wrestling as a whole.

Championship matches must be decided by a clear-cut victory: pinfall or submission. There is nothing wrong with the disqualification rule. What is wrong is the way it is abused. What's to prevent Nick Bockwinkel or Ric Flair (or Bob Backlund, for that matter) from shoving a referee or choking an opponent or just walking back to the dressing room at the first sign of trouble? Nothing. In years past, pride would not allow a wrestler to tarnish his championship belt in such a fashion. Today, most athletes take pride in the amount of money they earn and that is all. Keep the belt, keep the rewards that come with it, and forget about integrity. "Let my opponent worry about integrity," Nick Bockwinkel has said. "I keep all my integrity in municipal bonds and the money market."

Recently, the NWA experimented with a 30-day elimination of the disqualification rule. The result was catastrophic.

Certain champions refused to defend their titles. Others insisted on their choice of referees. But the most serious injustice occurred when Wahoo McDaniel lost his U.S. championship while lying in a hospital bed. McDaniel was



unable to defend his title against Slaughter, and what should have been a forfeit was instead a title change.

Obviously, the disqualification rule must remain in effect. But just as obviously, the practice of self-disqualification must be dealt with. I feel I have a solution that would strike a nerve among the most unscrupulous of champions.

Make the purses of all title matches winner-take-all. Admittedly, this is a drastic step. But it could work. By present standards, the champion is guaranteed payment, win or lose. Taking away that guarantee would change his perspective entirely. Nick Bockwinkel would think twice about intentionally getting disqualified if the entire purse were on the line. He'd rather risk his title than lose all that money.

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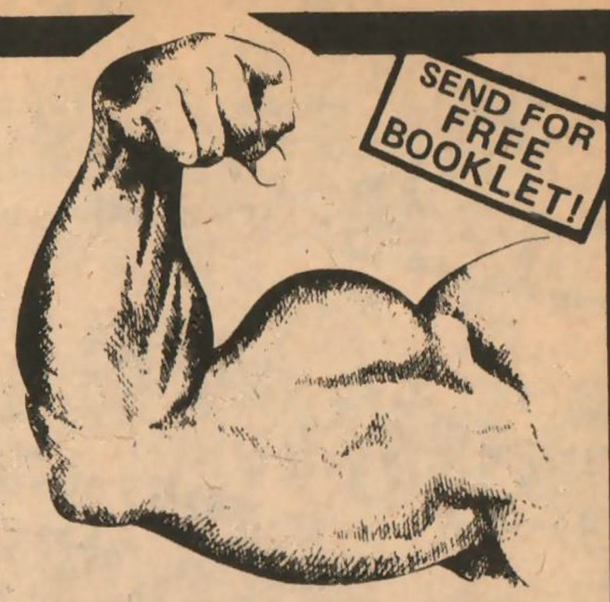

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ON THE ROAD

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measure of confidence. In the ring, he struts about with a sense of comfort and familiarity. When he first entered the WWF, these were qualities that were lacking.

Indeed, for at least the first few months he spent in the WWF territory, Snuka needed to rely on the guidance and constant presence of Captain Lou Albano in order to keep him in line, to make sure that this madman didn't go into a tantrum and harm the wrong people. At Babylon, Snuka was all alone, with Albano nowhere to be seen.

Entering the ring, Snuka was gleaming with self-assurance. No wonder? If he could score two wins over Backlund, why should he feel afraid of anyone?

Garea entered the ring well aware of what he was up against. As the bell rang, the former WWF tag team champion stalked his prey, refusing to lock hands as Snuka offered his own outstretched palm.

Then there was no backing out: Garea lunged at Snuka in an attempt to capture him in an armbar, but the Superfly was too fast for him. Snuka caught Garea in an armlock of his own, and began twisting Garea's arm with a vengeance.

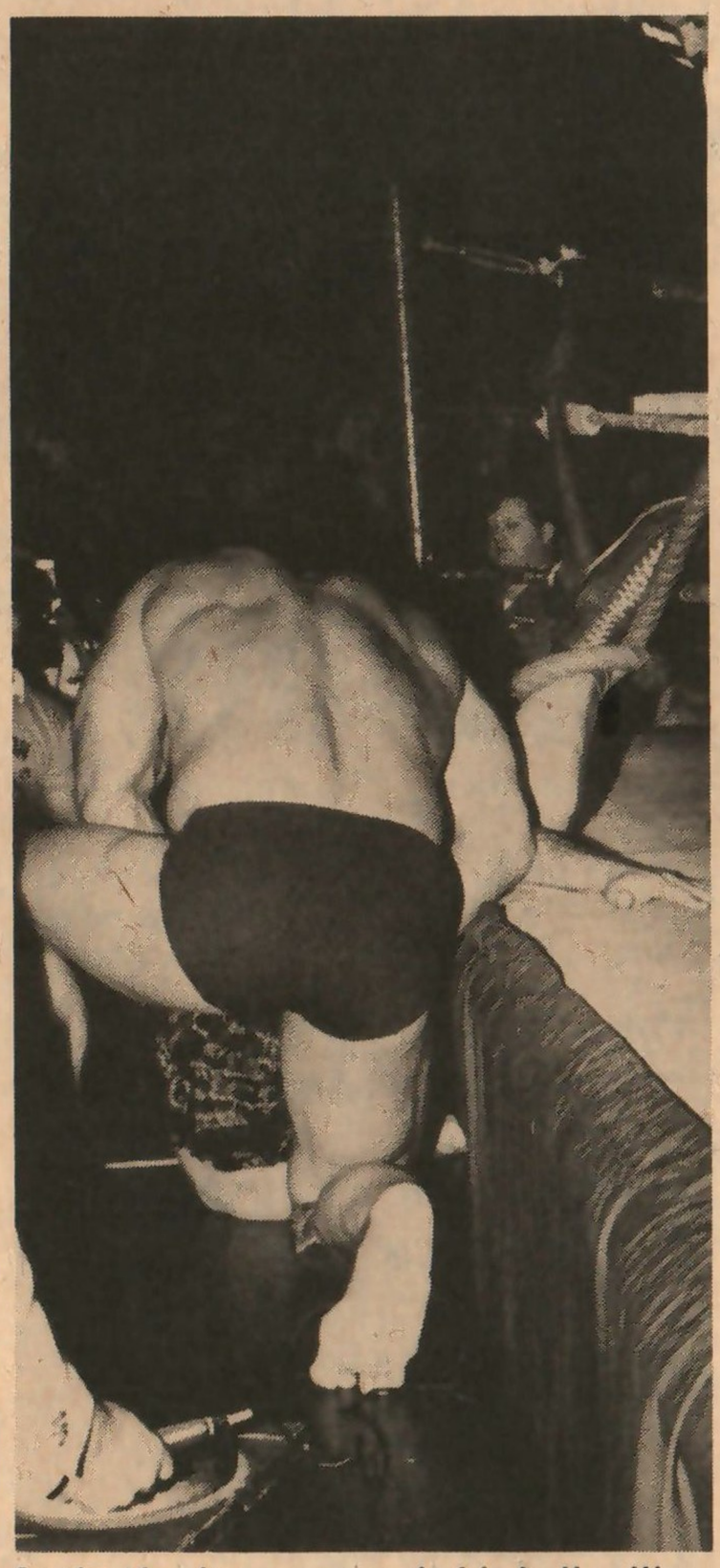
Throwing Garea to the mat, Snuka continued to concentrate on his arm, occasionally moving to the shoulder in an attempt to cause Garea to submit.

Garea muscled himself to his feet to work on an offensive against Snuka, but the Superfly immediately took on a battle plan of his own: He whiplashed Garea into the cornerpost with all his might when suddenly . . .

. . . *Wham! Snap!* The ring was broken!

Garea's ankle was tied up in the top rope as a result of the broken rope anchor, and Snuka used that anchor to attack Garea with savage fury. The referee motioned for the match to stop, and he came in and separated the combatants.

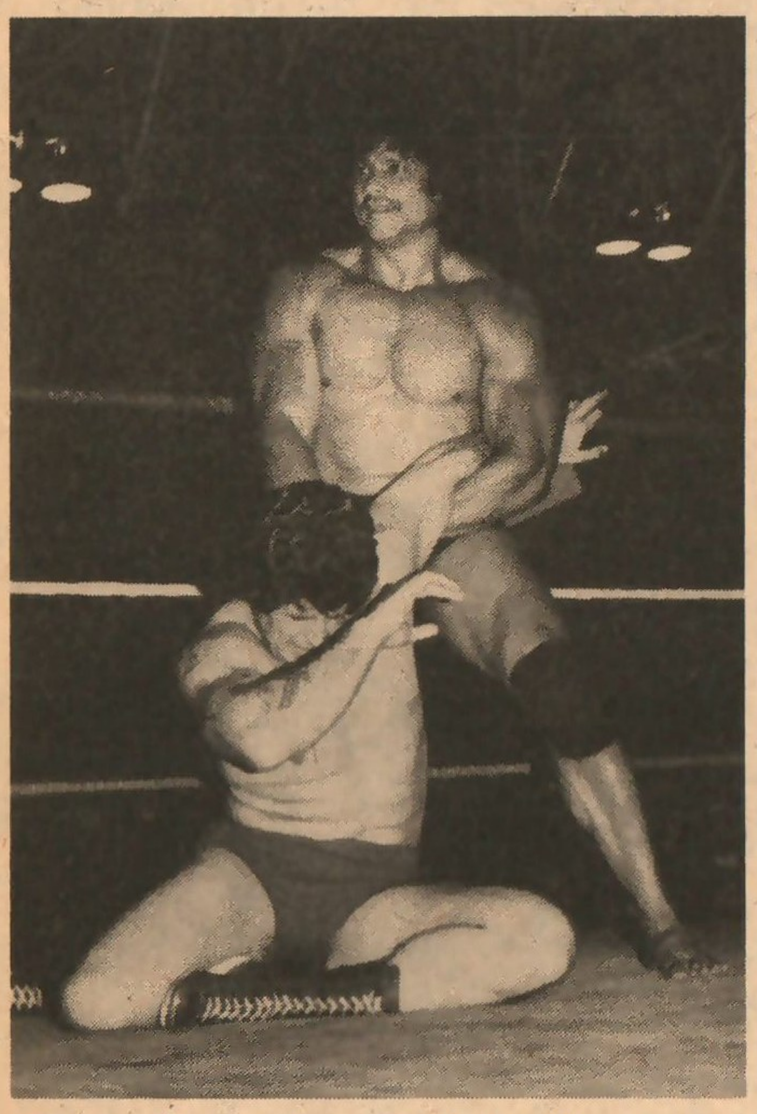
What had actually happened was this: Each ring rope is held to the ringpost through a piece of hardware that attaches to a C-shaped piece of metal that is welded to the ringpost itself. This hardware attaches not only to the C-shaped steel, but also to an attachment on the turnbuckle. It is all a very sturdy construction, and it is designed to take a lot of punishment, which it does regularly.



As the timekeeper pounds his bell calling for the action to stop, Snuka chokes an immobilized Garea.

When Snuka whipped Garea into the corner, he must have done so with an unusually great amount of force, for as soon as Garea hit the corner, the welds that hold the C-shaped steel to the cornerpost sheared themselves away from the post completely.

"I've never seen this happen before in my life," said one man who said he had been attending wrestling matches for over 15 years. "It's absolutely incredible!"



Before the mishap, Snuka's plan was to methodically wear down Garea with a series of armlocks.

Examining the sheared welds after the incident, I noticed that the break was not a clean one. Clearly, there was no existing weakness in the welds that could be exploited, it was simply a matter of an irresistable force meeting an immovable object . . . and the object had to give.

"I've seen this happen a couple of times," said Bill Apter. "It's always a case of a madman who gets his adrenaline up, and in this case with Snuka, I'm not really surprised that it happened . . . just amazed. It always amazes me when something like this happens, because it's really an example of awesome power at its most destructive." □

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THE INSIDER

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mine his reputation as both a scientific wrestler and a man that the fans can look up to and admire," Rich continued. "He's come a long way since making his professional debut, and I know for a fact that the fans respect Brad. More than that, it's a respect that he's earned, and all too often that's not the case."

Rich has been speaking to staff members of *Inside Wrestling*, and people in the television media. It almost seems as if Tommy Rich wants this award to be presented to Brad more than Armstrong does himself.

RUMOR VS. FACT

RUMOR: Sgt. Slaughter has bought himself a surplus army tank and has been spotted driving it along major roadways in the Carolinas. Fans in the area fear that he may wage some sort of a military attack on an arena in the near future.

FACT: Though it does look like a tank, what fans have spotted Slaughter driving is in fact a brand new Cadillac Fleetwood limousine painted in army camouflage colors. Fortunately, the fans' fears are not grounded; the limousine has not been outfitted with any type of ballistic capability.

RUMOR: Blackjack Mulligan Jr. is not related to Blackjack Mulligan in any way whatsoever.

FACT: There could, in fact, be some truth to this rumor, but right now Mulligan Sr. isn't talking. "I'm preparing some statements for the press that will shock the entire wrestling world, but I'll make my news public only when I'm good and ready."

INJURY REPORT

WAHOO McDANIEL is suffering from an injured left leg caused by MAGNIFICENT MURACO and RODDY PIPER. The occasion was a match between Piper and JACK BRISCO in which Brisco found himself in deep trouble. Wahoo ran in to help when Muraco joined Piper and created a two-on-one situation against Brisco. Wahoo was unable to show up for a U.S. title match against SGT. SLAUGHTER the next day, and as a result forfeited the belt to Slaughter according to an NWA ruling.

TERRY FUNK has been spotted with a cast on his arm, claiming that he has a broken bone. Reporters for *Inside Wrestling,* however, have failed to uncover any documentary medical evidence to support this dubious claim. ☐

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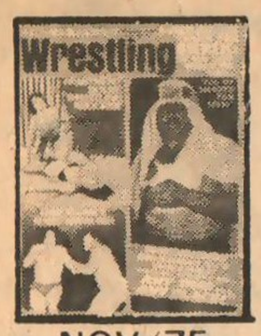
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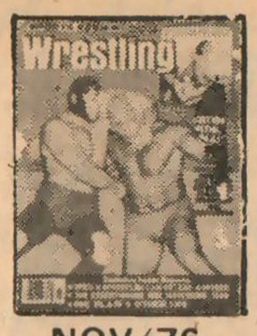
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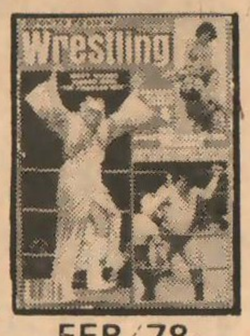
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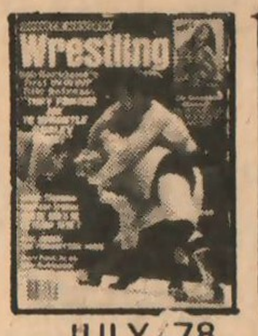
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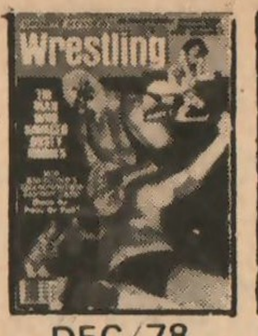
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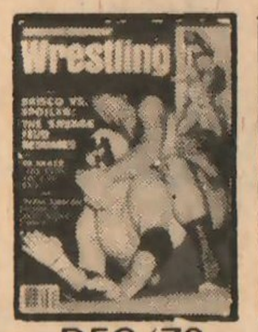
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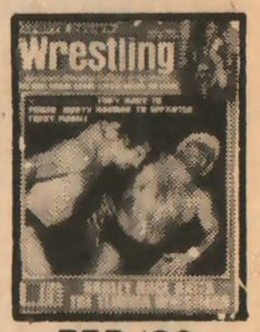
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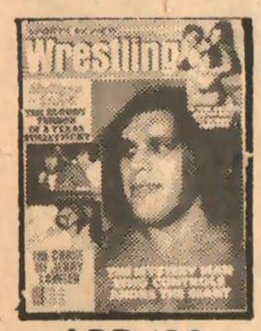
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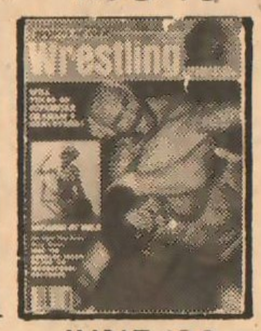
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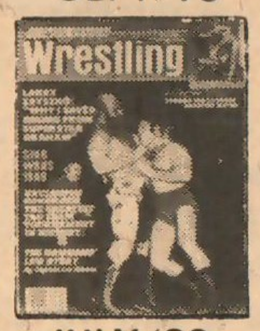
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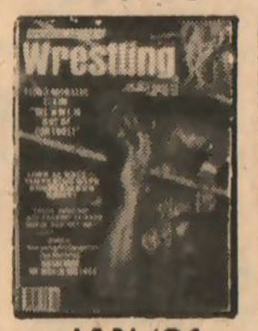
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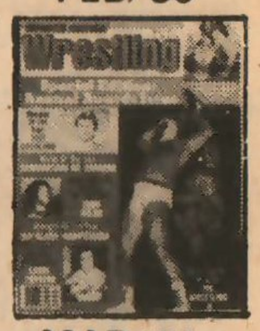
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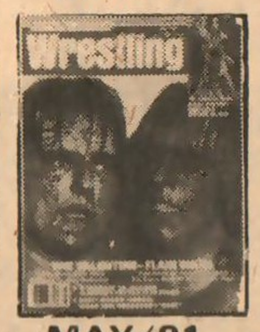
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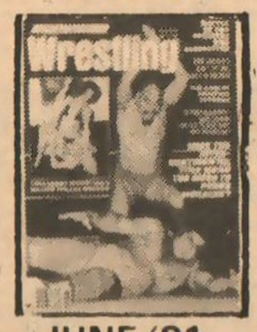
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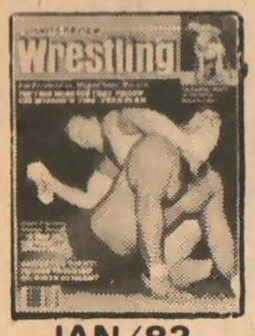
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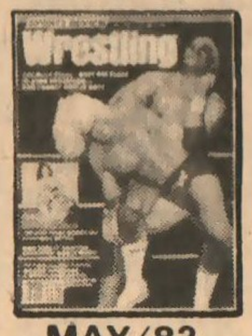
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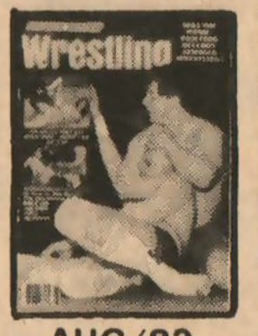
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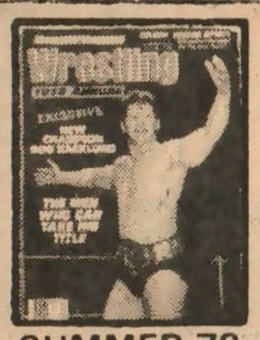
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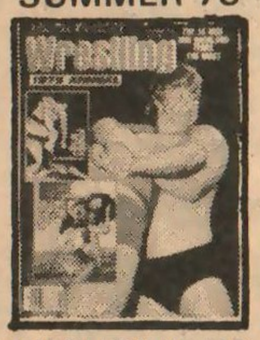
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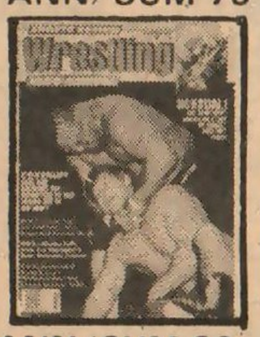
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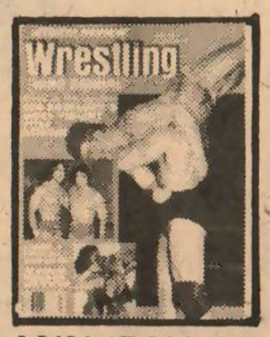
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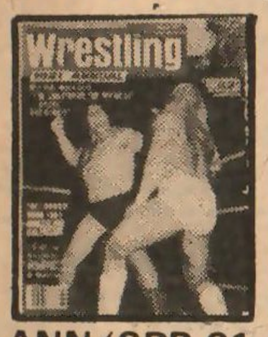
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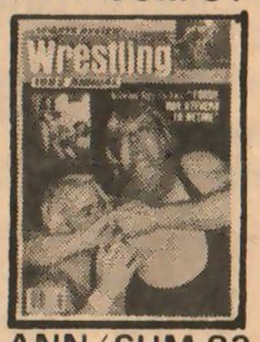
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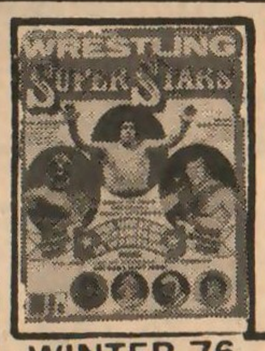
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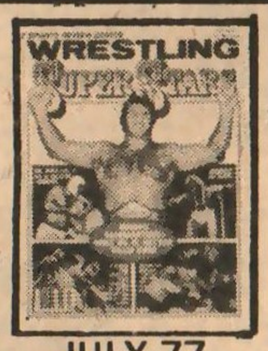
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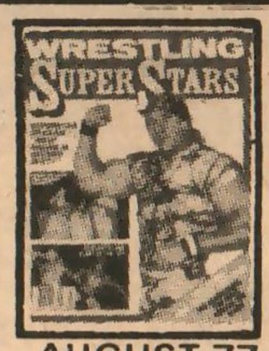
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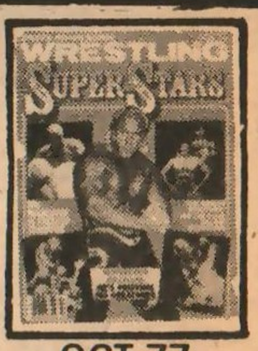
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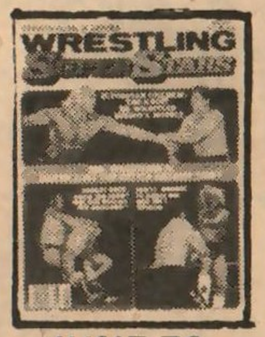
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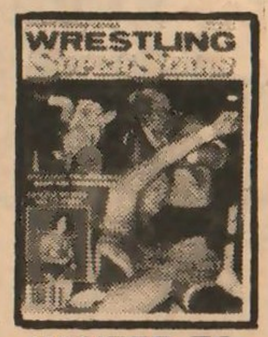
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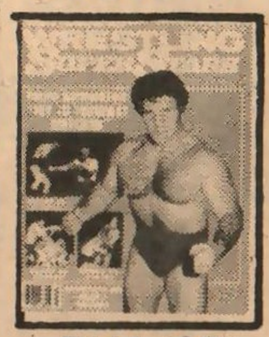
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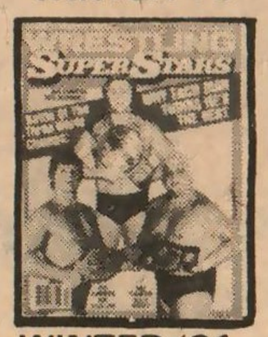
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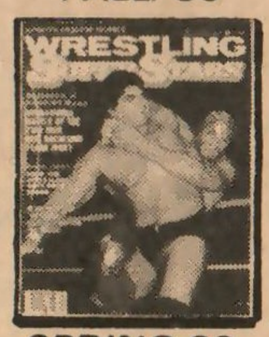
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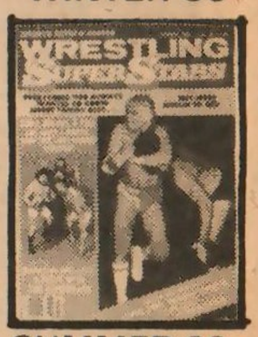
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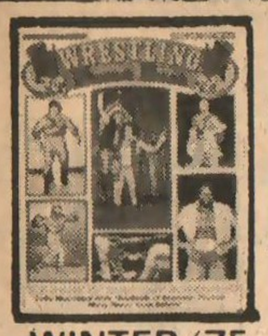
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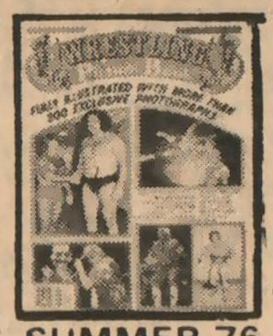
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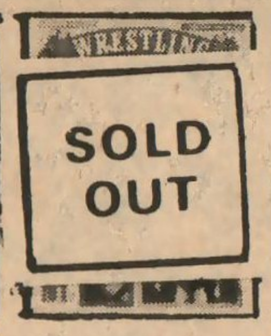

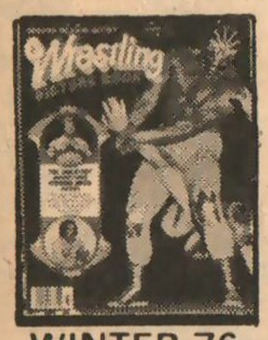
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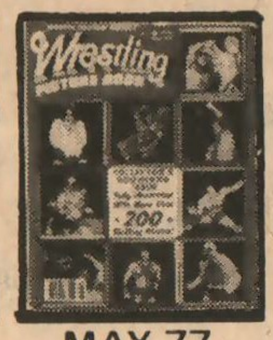
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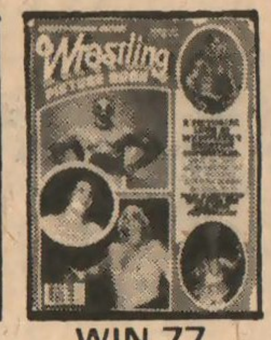
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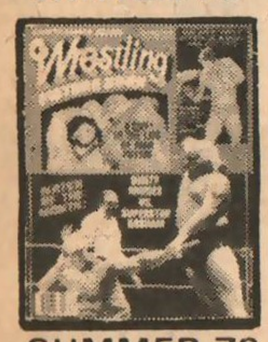
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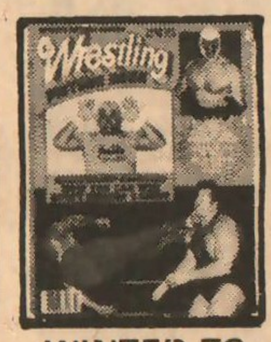
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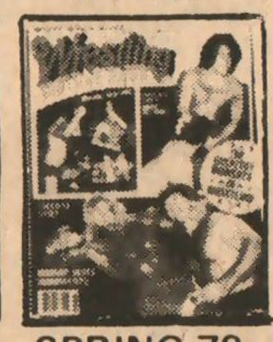
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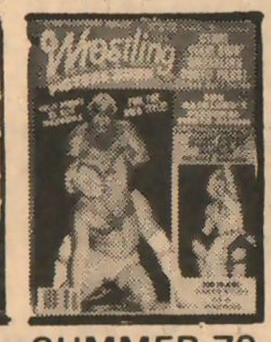
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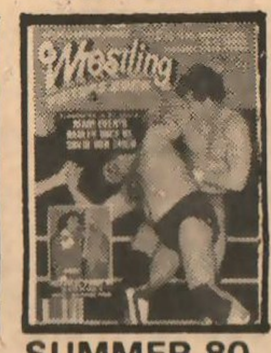
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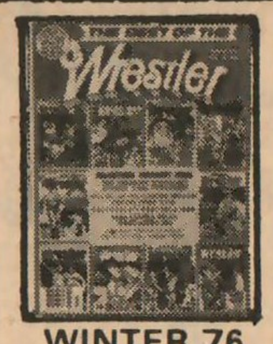
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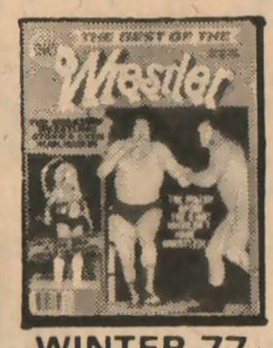
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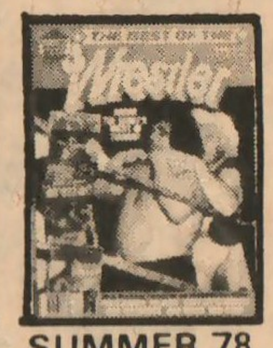
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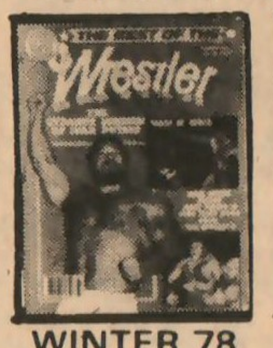
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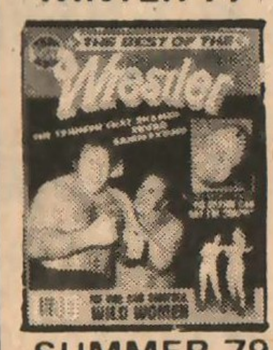
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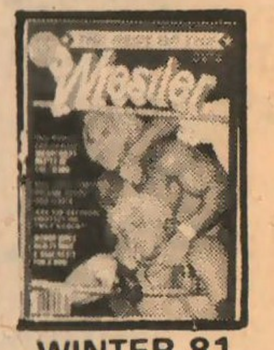
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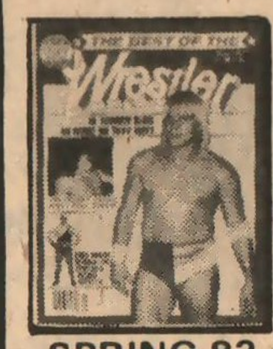
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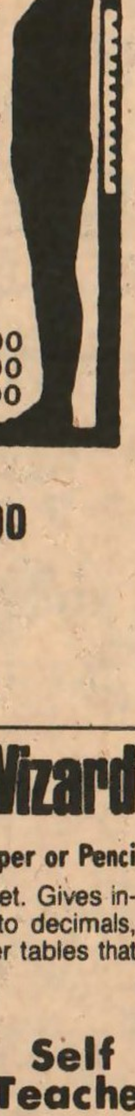

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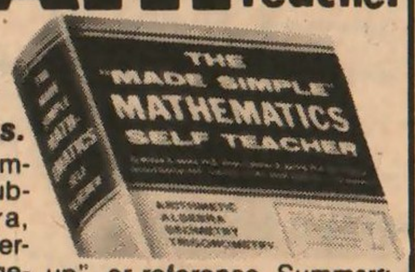

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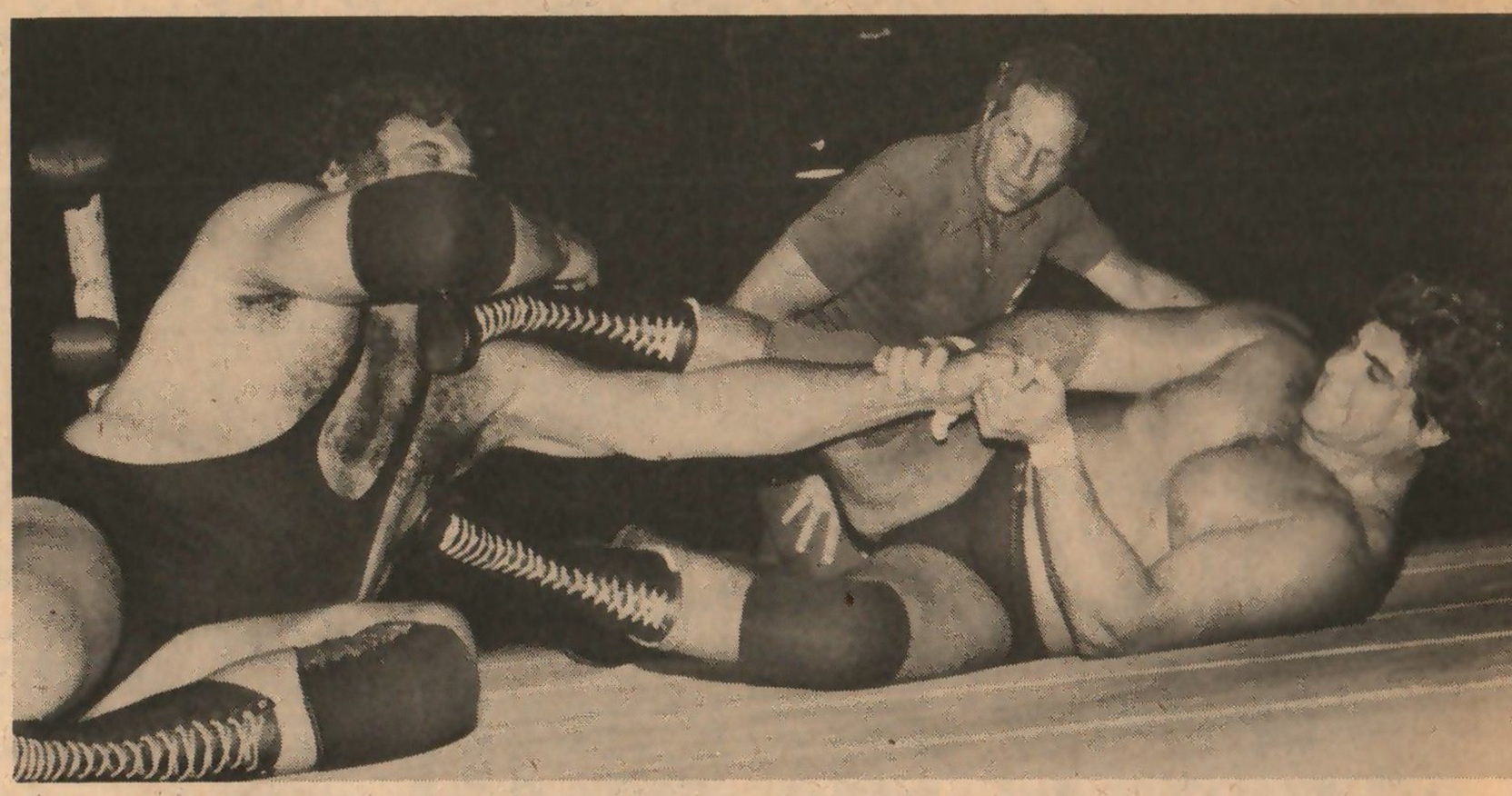


Muraco gears a savage attack at Mosca's left arm (above and opposite right). Wrestling against a former fellow WWF rulebreaker had a tremendous psychological effect on Muraco.

team tournament semifinal championship.

Anyone who had seen Muraco wrestle before, and many who had never seen him wrestle but simply knew of him through the reputation he has built up over the years, was shocked at the fact that he was teaming with Wahoo. Their reactions were understandable: How could a vicious rulebreaker like Muraco forsake the style that has brought him such success over the years?

The answer is he can't. A man like Muraco is brutal by his very nature, a man to be feared and a wrestler who simply enjoys inflicting pain on his opponents. Yes, some would even call Muraco sadistic, and they wouldn't be too far off the mark. Muraco is a born rulebreaker, and his match against King Kong Mosca proved that to be a fact beyond any doubt.

Of course, you have to give Muraco an "A" for effort. Early on in his match against Mosca he appeared to be struggling valiantly against his natural instinct in an effort to wrestle clean.

Mosca came at Muraco with a veritable catalog of rule-breaker's maneuvers, but Muraco continued to maintain his composure. Fans on hand were stunned. They had heard about Muraco teaming with Wahoo McDaniel, but could those stories be true? Most fans present reserved final judgment until the match was over. It proved to be a wise decision.

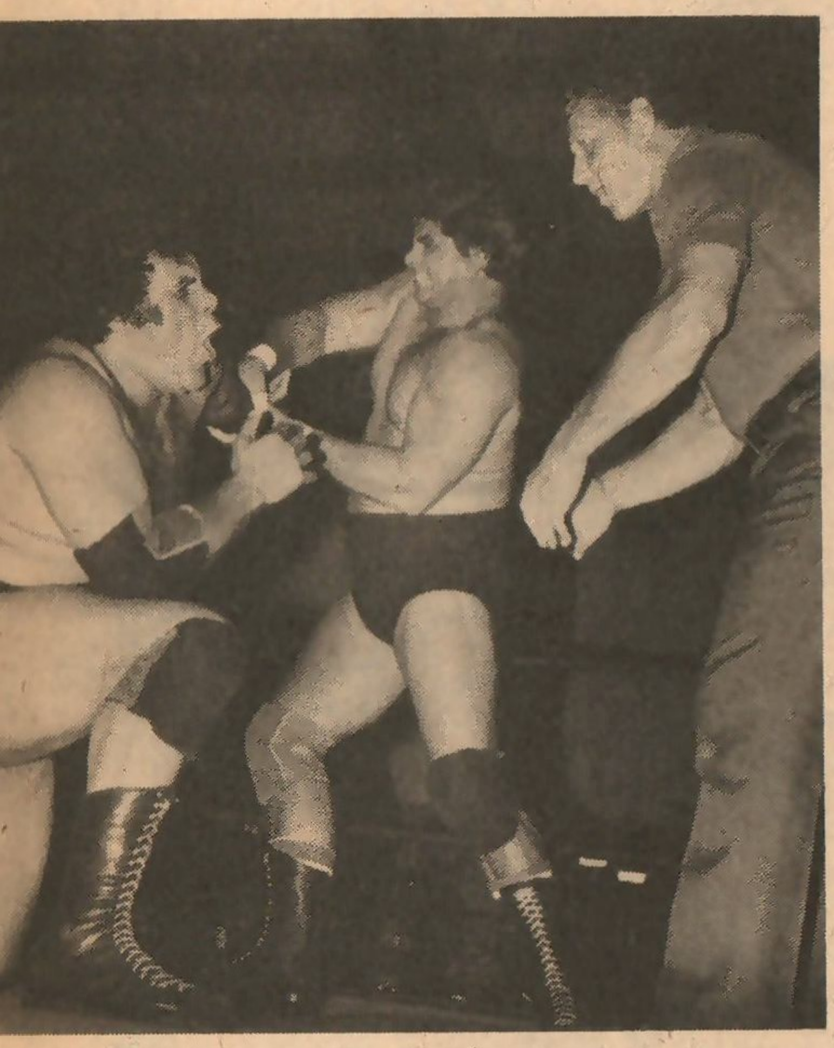
Just as that single straw is enough to rupture the back of the proverbial camel, Muraco was only able to last for so long as a rule-conscious wrestler. Enough is enough, and too much was about all he could take. Like a dam that finally succumbs to the rising floodtides and crumbles into bedrock, Muraco let all of his short-lived scientific habits fall to pieces as he let loose like a complete madman against Mosca.

It appeared as if Muraco had been holding himself back for months until the arrival of this very moment. He was clearly enjoying the freedom of the rulebreaker: the freedom to do anything he wants to in the ring; the freedom not to worry about whether what he's doing might injure his opponent; the freedom to do more than just to

wrestle . . . the freedom to win!

It was a logical conclusion to a style of wrestling that for Muraco was quite illogical to adopt. There has been too much brutality in the past, too much of a willingness to win at any cost. Quite simply, Muraco has been a dirty wrestler for years, and not even the positive influences of Wahoo McDaniel could alter that fact.

In case you missed what happened: Wahoo McDaniel lost his U.S. title to Sgt. Slaughter because Wahoo was unable to show up to defend the title. Why not? He had sustained an injured left leg at the hands of none other than Magnificent Muraco.



If a man like Muraco can turn on a tag team partner like that, particularly a partner with whom he had found a great level of success, the future does not bode well for any wrestler who may be unfortunate enough to find himself in the ring as an opponent of Muraco.

As of press time, Muraco has joined the wars in Georgia, having been hired by Roddy Piper to help destroy Tommy Rich. There is no question in the mind of anyone who has followed the Georgia situation that Muraco could well be the decisive factor there. □

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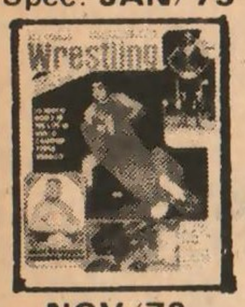
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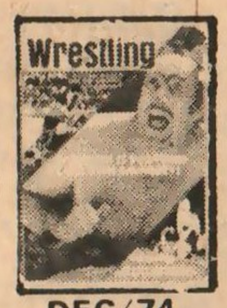
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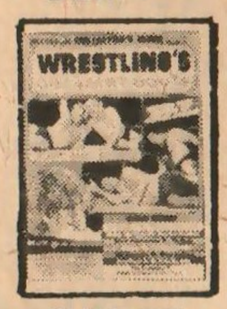
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The stupidest rule in professional wrestling is the disqualification rule in title matches, allowing bozo champions like Howdy Doody Backlund and Sick Bockwinkel to retain their championship belts when they lose by disqualification. That's stupid! A wrestler knows when he is going to be disqualified. There is no such thing as an unintentional disqualification. Scum like Backlund and Bockwinkel are just using this rule to protect their titles. Just look at the Bockwinkel vs. Hulk Hogan match, or Backlund vs. Snuka. These are just a few of the times that these two "champions" have gotten themselves disqualified to save their belts.

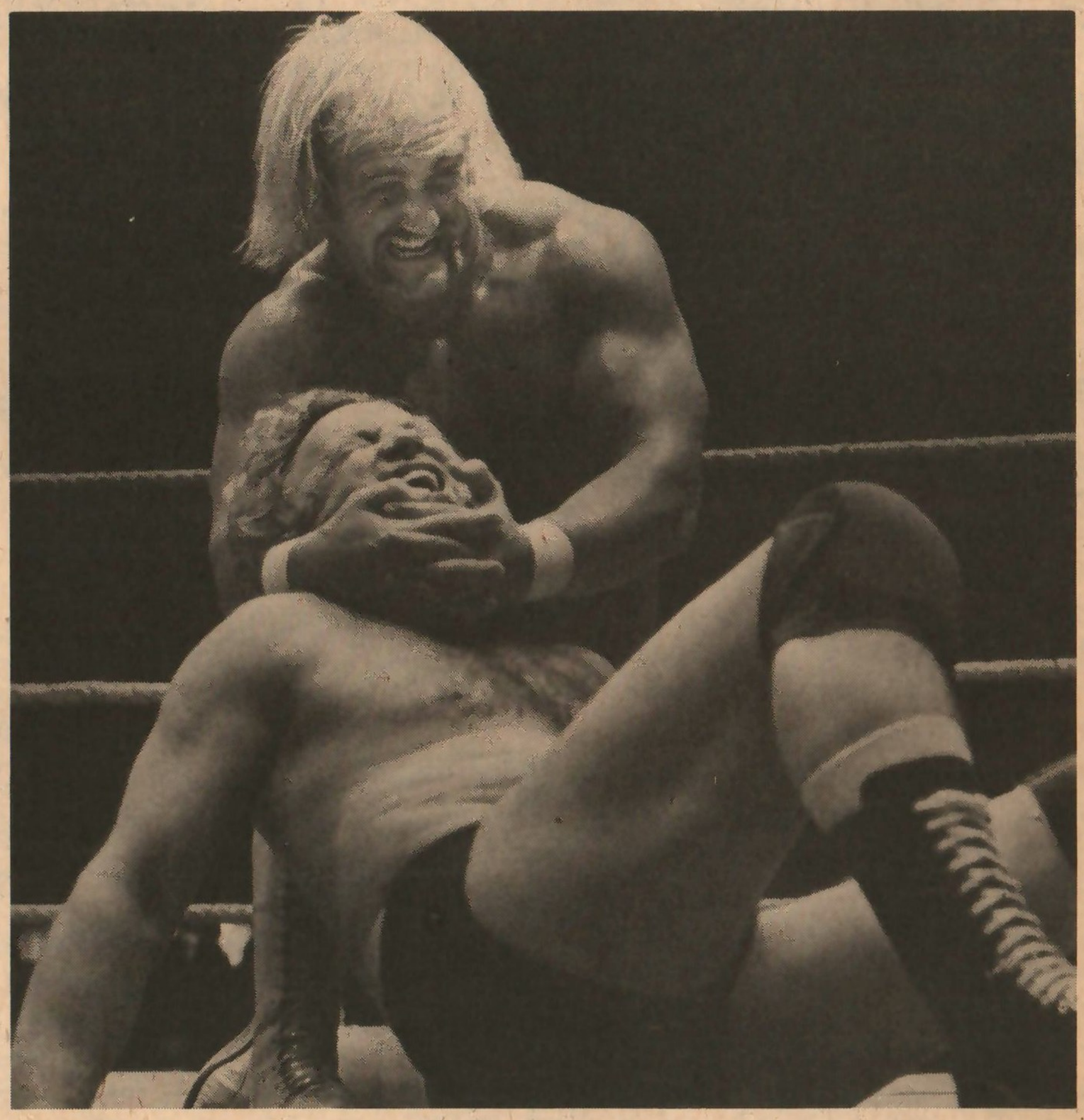
A champion, according to Backlund, is someone who the fans can look up to and respect. If these two "wrestlers" have to resort to losing tough matches by disqualification in order to save their belts, then there is no way for the fans to look up to or respect them.

JON REISER
Rochester, NY

BROCK KNOCK

Why doesn't Matt Brock just shut the hell up? Where does he come off insulting the one and only "Golden Boy," Adrian Adonis ("Plain Speaking," July 1982)?

Brock either has to be blind, senile, completely drunk, or totally stupid not to see Adonis' obvious wrestling talent. Not



Hulk Hogan presses the advantage against Bockwinkel during their first championship match in February. Bockwinkel escaped from the match with his AWA title, courtesy of the disqualification rule.

only is he talented, but Adonis also has an abundance of good looks, class, and charisma.

So, Mr. Brock, before you go praising the likes of Howdy Doody Backlund, Bony Tony Atlas, etc., I suggest you take a good long look at the greatest wrestler in the sport today: Adrian Adonis.

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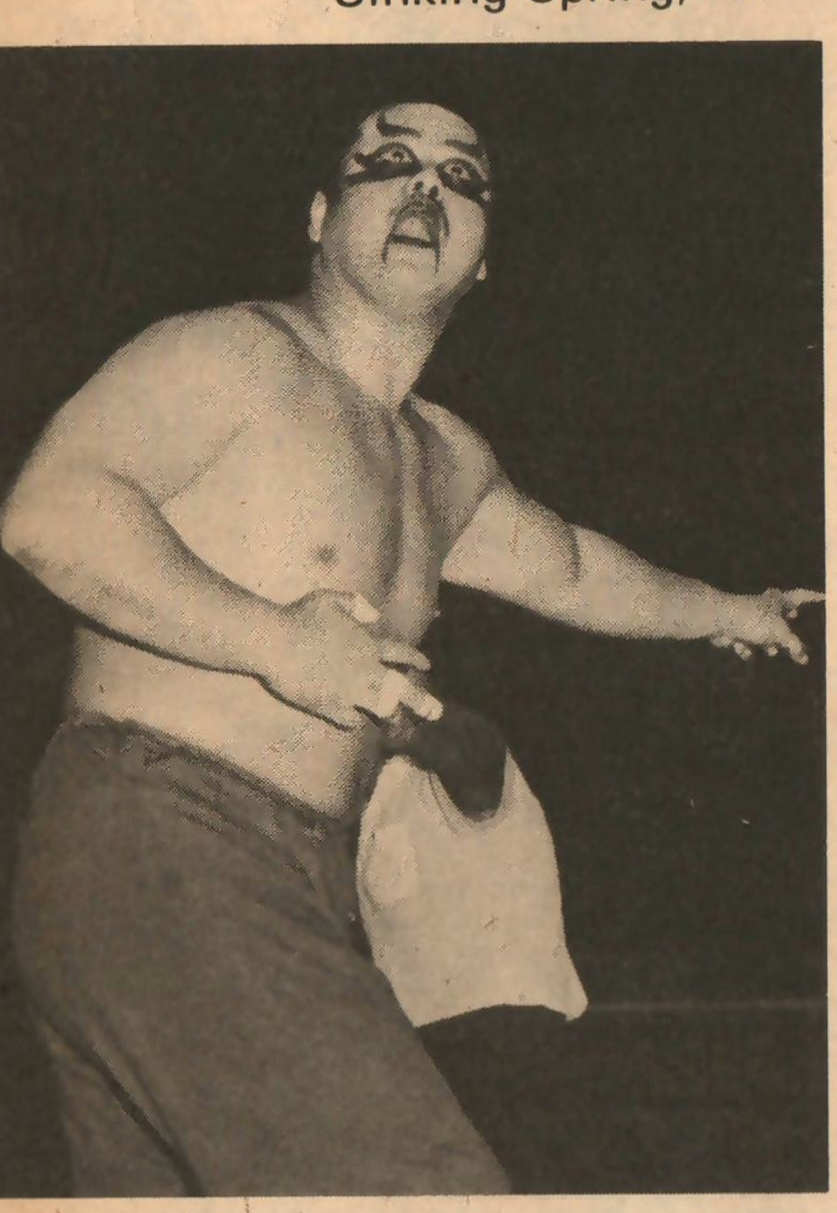

Kendo Nagasaki and his manager, James J. Dillon, will one day pay for the problems they have inflicted on the state of Florida, writes Len Tripodi.

DILLON'S A MENACE

I really think James J. Dillon is a menace to wrestling in Florida. With Dillon and his main man Kendo Nagasaki, there's going to be trouble any place they show up. When Nagasaki is in a match, Dillon is always there and quick to interfere when his wrestler is in trouble. Dillon and Nagasaki had better watch out because Dusty Rhodes, Mr. Wrestling II, and Jerry Lawler are around there, and I hope one or all of these men can stop Dillon and Nagasaki before they hurt someone.

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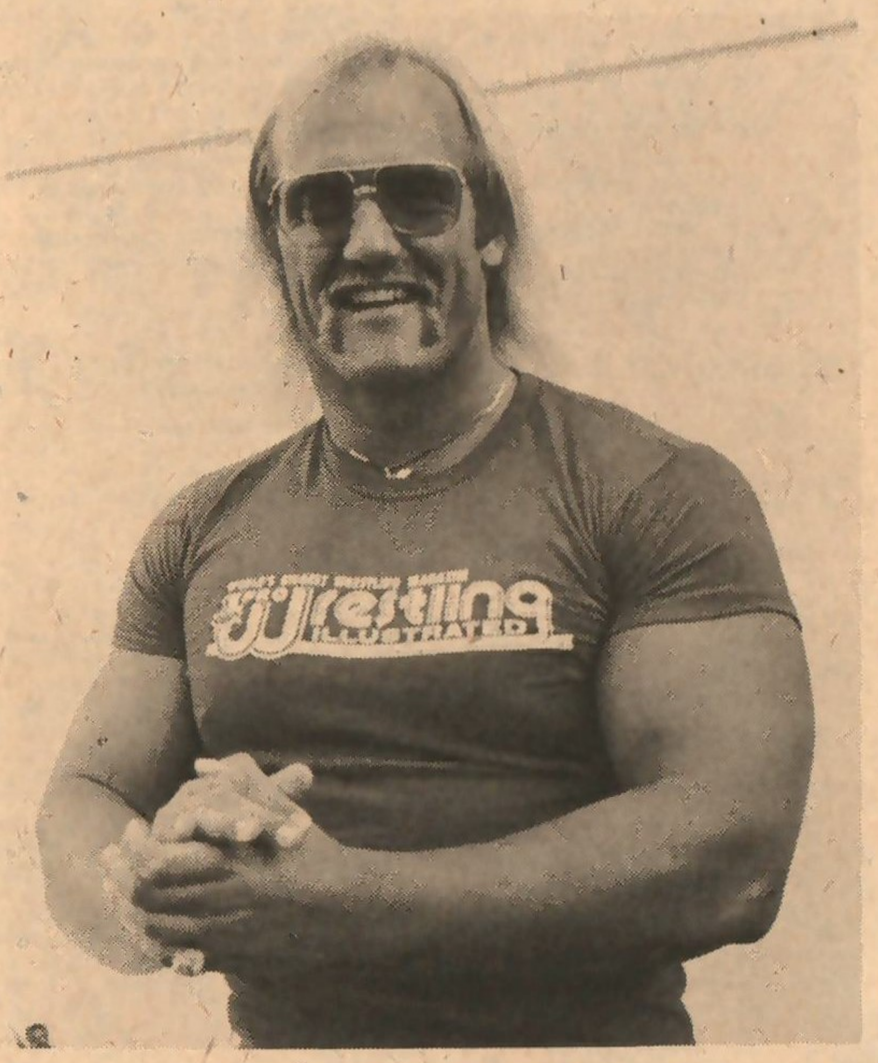

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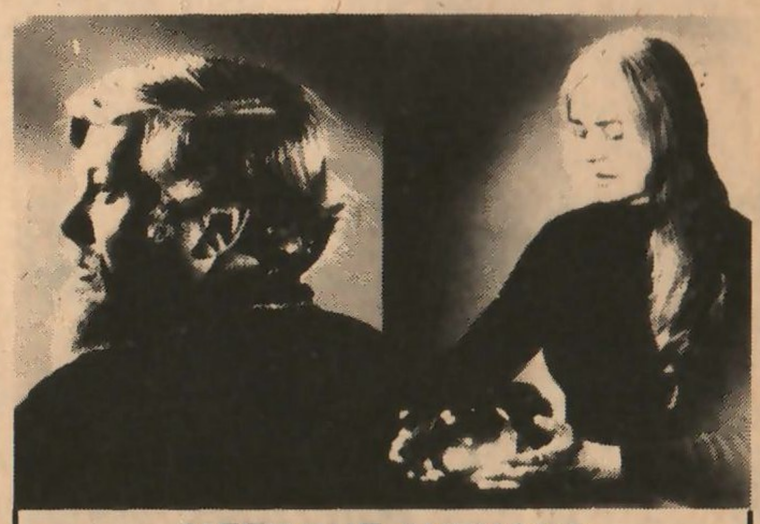

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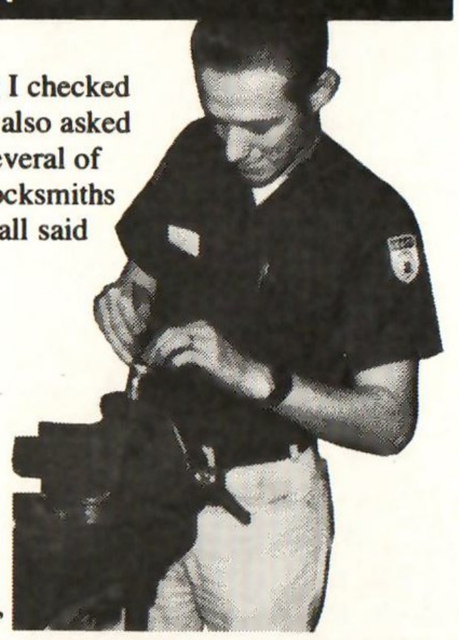

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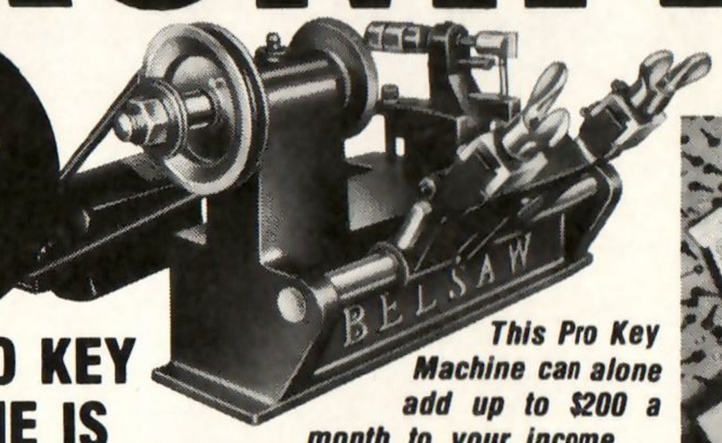

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